The Weather
Today—Fair and warmer with highest temperatures around 80 degrees. Yesterday—High, 74; low, 38.
Fuel-oil consumption to date, 84 per cent of yearly allotment.

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Third Army Troops Dig In East of Rhine

Senate Slaps 52-36 Defeat On Williams Nomination

Farmers' Union Declares War on Opponents; Plans 'Victory' Dinner

(Roll call vote on Page 5.)

By Robert C. Albright.

The Senate yesterday emphatically rejected the nomination of Aubrey Williams for REA administrator by a 52-to-36 record vote and the Farmers Union promptly declared war on the Senators responsible.

"This is just the first battle in a total war to decide what is going to happen in this country," said Farmers Union President James Patton. "We'll be seeing some of these Senators where they live."

Back at his old job as director of organization for the Farmers Union, Williams held a press conference jointly with Patton. Patton announced a "Victory dinner" for the defeated nominee next Wednesday, with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt guest speaker.

President Hit, Williams Says

Williams, burning New Dealer and eight-years head of the now defunct NYA, said he was disappointed with the outcome but had "no regrets."

He said he considered the vote a "basic denial not only of the President's prerogatives but of what democracy stands for."

"I really believe the wage earners, the farmers and the little people should be an articulate part of our economic life. That's the crime they convicted me of."

Capping a week of bitter debate, with the outcome never in doubt, Republicans lining up with one the final count showed only four Progressive and 31 Democrats for confirmation. Voting "No" were 33 Republicans and 19 Democrats, the latter preponderantly from the South.

It was the first time in six years the Senate as a body had rejected a major Roosevelt appointment. Two nominations have since been withdrawn when faced with defeat (James V. Allred of Texas, for Federal judge, and Edward J. Flynn of New York for Minister to Australia). The last flat rejection came to William S. Boyle, nominated U. S. attorney for Nevada in June, 1939.

The next move to fill the vacant REA post is up to Mr. Roosevelt. Williams said he had no expectation that the President would resubmit his name. Other possibilities for the post ranged all the way from former Representative Clyde T. Ellis (D., Ark.) and Surplus Property Chairman Guy Gillette to former REA Administrator John Carmody and Acting REA Administrator William J. Neal.

Yesterday's defeat of Williams by a 16-vote margin, followed a 12-to-8 unfavorable recommendation by the Senate Agriculture Committee and a Senate debate in which Williams' religious beliefs and racial equality views figured along with his NYA-WPA record and charges of Communist associations.

Taft Denies Bias in Vote

Before the vote, Republican opponents, led by Senator Robert A. Taft, (R., Ohio) vigorously denied Williams' left-wing views, or his religious or racial beliefs, were a factor in their votes. Taft accused Williams of "propagandizing all over the country" that Senators opposed to him were against the colored people.

"I'm voting against him because of his incompetence and wasteful administration," said Taft. "I see no reason why I should vote for him because he is opposed by some Southern Senators."

Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley (D., Ky.) quoted the constitutional prohibition on any religious test for office and said he "would hate to believe any Senator here would be prejudiced against a man because of his religious belief, or lack of it." Barkley said he had carefully read the record and instead of consorting with Reds, Williams "combatted communism."

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Sub Skipper Gets Congressional Medal

Associated Press Photo

THEIR PROUDEST MOMENT—The Nation's highest military decoration, presented by Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal (second from left), is placed around the neck of Comdr. Eugene B. Fluckey, a native of Washington, by his wife at the Navy Department here yesterday. Admiral of the Fleet Ernest J. King is at left. Commander Fluckey was a submarine commander

Manpower Conferees Get New Proposal

Johnson Would Drop Labor Draft, Provide Penalties Instead

By Mary Spargo

A new manpower compromise proposal was made yesterday to embattled Senate and House conferees, but there was no sign that the group was any nearer agreement than when the conference opened.

The compromise, proposed by Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) would eliminate the labor draft favored by the House but extend Senate penalties upon employers to employes.

Faces Heavy Opposition

Conferees will vote on Johnson's motion today, but the proposal must clear two formidable hurdles.

First, it must be accepted by the Senate conferees, some of whom have strenuous objections to penalties upon employes.

Second, it must be accepted by the House conferees, who have been adamant so far in fighting for the Administration's May bill, which would draft only men 18 to 45 for war service.

Chairman Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) of the House Military Affairs Committee in answer to questions from the floor told the House yesterday that any kind of agreement "is a remote possibility."

Senate Version Still Pushed

There is strong sentiment among the Senate conferees to reject any compromise in order to force a vote in the House on the O'Mahoney-Kilgore bill passed by the Senate, which never did come up for a vote in the other chamber.

Many Senators are convinced that the House, if given an opportunity to vote would gladly take the Senate version.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D., Utah) of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, and conference chairman, said the Johnson proposal was offered as an amend-

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Secret Mission Wins D.C. Man Medal of Honor

For "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity" in a mission of such importance that its details still cannot be released, Comdr. Eugene B. Fluckey, submarine commander and native Washingtonian, yesterday was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal.

Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, members of the House Naval Affairs Committee and other high-ranking officials were present for the presentation to the 31-year-old commander who attended Western High School and Columbian Prep School before graduating from the Naval Academy in 1935.

Valor, Leadership Cited

Since his graduation Commander Fluckey has served aboard the battleship Nevada, the destroyer McCormick and, since his subsequent graduation from submarine school at New London, Conn., on three subs, the last of which he commanded during the "hazardous mission" which won his award.

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty . . ." the citation read, "Commander Fluckey's outstanding valor and leadership and the aggressive fighting spirit of the officers and men under his command throughout the fulfillment of a hazardous mission reflect the highest credit upon the United States naval service."

Commander Fluckey's wife fastened the medal on him.

Secretary Forrestal then expressed regret that security regulations prevented his telling the full story behind the award and described the exploit "as colorful as it was gallant."

Eleven Others Decorated

Commander Fluckey, who already holds the Navy Cross and one Gold Star, now lives at Dreams Landing, Annapolis, Md.

Eleven other District men also were decorated, one of them posthumously, the War and Navy Departments announced.

The posthumous award of the Legion of Merit went to Brig. Gen. Creswell Garlington, whose mother,

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Price Boost Granted to Spur Chicken Output

Davis Explains Beef Subsidy Hopes; Others Predict Less Meat

By Christine Sadler

President Roosevelt yesterday delayed his Yood report to the Nation until Tuesday and Government agencies continued to work overtime thinking up ways to increase the meat supply and arrange more equitable distribution.

Director of Economic Stabilization William H. Davis announced details of the increased cattle subsidy, which is expected to make more beef available, and approved a 1½ cents per pound retail price increase for chicken, in the hope of inducing farmers to make a rapid boost in the size of poultry flocks.

This yielding to price pressures came at a time when numerous Congressmen, including Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), were arguing that the Army should be permitted to buy food at higher than regular price ceilings in cases where "this would obviously insure a better supply." There was no indication, however, that a real breakthrough in food prices would be permitted.

The War Food Administration estimated that the new chicken prices would insure enough chicken to guarantee civilians 20 pounds per person this year, compared to 24 in 1944.

Urging farmers to raise more chickens for meat purposes and to market them as early as possible, WFA said the country's "shortage of red meat will be felt mostly between the present time and late summer."

Farmers who start "chicks in the

See FOOD, Page 2, Column 5.

Foe Reports Reds Driving For Knockout

400 Tanks, 72,000 Men Push for Berlin; 1,200,000 Massed, London Estimates

London, March 23 (AP).—The Germans said tonight that 72,000 Russian troops and 400 tanks had reopened the battle for Berlin, crashing 6 miles west of the Oder River within 31 miles of the imperiled Nazi capital.

Simultaneously, Moscow announced that the defenders of Danzig and Gdynia had been split in two by a Soviet surge to Danzig Bay that won the coastal town of Zoppot, midway between the prized Baltic ports.

The enemy said that the Red army had launched a mighty assault from the Oder River under a thunderous air bombardment and artillery barrage.

Called Reds' Main Punch

A few hours before a German front report said Russian infantrymen had reached Golzow, on the Kuestrin-Berlin trunk railroad, and a Berlin dispatch by the German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau in Stockholm said:

"The major Russian offensive against Berlin is immediately at hand."

The report was not confirmed by the Soviet high command, which, however, in its nightly war bulletin announced a sharp jump in German tank and plane losses—frequently an early indication of powerful new Soviet thrusts. London observers said as many as 1,200,000 Russian troops may be massed for the Berlin knockout.

Along the whole front, the Russians destroyed or disabled 156 Nazi tanks and shot down 149 German planes., Moscow announced.

Pincers Clamped on Moravia

While the Third White Russian Army narrowed the East Prussian pocket southwest of Koenigsberg and Marshal Konstatntin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russians drove to within 4 miles of both Danzig and Gdynia by taking Zoppot, other Soviet forces far to the south were clamping a huge pincers on Moravia, Bohemia and Vienna.

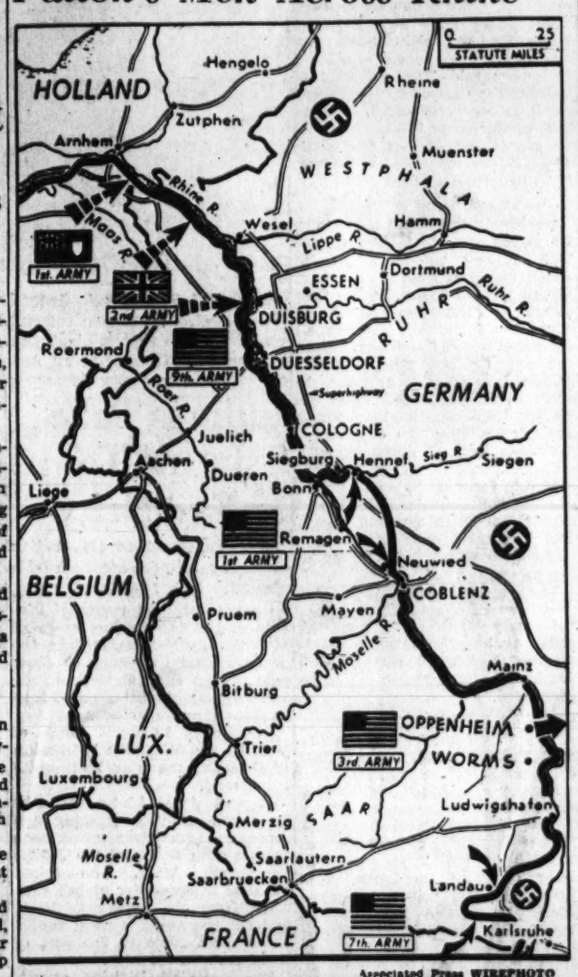
Across upper Silesia, Russian troops were pursuing broken Nazi forces into Czechoslovakia's Sudeten mountains and Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army captured the Silesian town of Jernau, 10 miles northwest of Ratibor and 10 other places.

At the same time, Berlin said a four-day Red army offensive in Hungary had reached Komarom, strategic Danube key to Austria and Vienna, 84 miles to the west.

With the capture of Jernau, Konev's troops pushed south toward Moravska-Ostrava, driving to within 26 miles northwest of the industrial Czechoslovak city in an outflanking drive while Soviet heavy bombers hammered the city's rail Junction.

The Germans have estimated 25 Russian divisions attacking Stettin, Berlin's northern anchor at the mouth of the Oder, while 10 Russian divisions were reported lashing the Danzig-Gydnia pocket.

Patton's Men Across Rhine



Associated Press WIREPHOTO

WHERE FOE EXPECTS OFFENSIVE—Broken arrows show where Germans say Allies are about to launch a big new offensive across the Rhine. To the south, at Oppenheim, arrow indicates where General Patton's Third Army has broken across the river. The Nazis also reported an attempted crossing at Worms. Americans expanded their Remagen bridgehead and further cleared Germans from west of Rhine below Ludwigshafen

Night Thrust Over River Takes Enemy By Surprise

Germans Report Other Attempts, Impending Blows By Montgomery

BULLETIN

With the U. S. Third Army, March 23 (AP).—The Third Army has crossed the Rhine and established a solid bridgehead. The crossing occurred last night and by dawn today the Third Army had made a firm bridgehead on the east bank.

The first wave of infantry paddled across the river at 10:25 p. m. without firing a shot. Ten minutes later, as additional waves poured across the moonlit river, sporadic shooting broke out.

The Germans, who were caught flat-footed, failed to fire a single round of heavy artillery until 2 hours after the doughboys had negotiated the river.

Paris, March 23 (AP).—German broadcasts declared tonight that U. S. Third Army shock troops had seized a foothold across the Rhine and other forces were trying to cross near Duesseldorf and Cologne, as history's greatest aerial onslaught warned the enemy that the Allied end-the-war offensive was near.

Without Allied confirmation, the Berlin radio said the Third Army had crossed the Rhine near Oppenheim, 10 miles south of Mainz, under cover of artificial fog and an artillery barrage, using amphibious tanks.

A Berlin military spokesman said American units also had attempted crossings near Dusseldorf and 6 miles south of Cologne, and the German communique said the Third also had made several attempts to cross the Rhine farther south, below Worms.

Allied pilots reported that the Germans were frantically digging in farther north, where the enemy was expecting Field Marshal Montgomery to strike hourly.

While these might well reflect German anxiety, the facts were that Allied strategists had written off the Rhine as a military barrier, and that the Ruhr, after weeks of

See WAR, Page 2, Column 6.

Diet Members Criticize Jap Defense Policy

San Francisco, March 23 (AP).—Sharp queries on national defense policy were tossed at Premier Kuniaki Koiso and his ministerial aides today by members of the Japanese Diet who indicated some displeasure with the government's attitude toward the public.

A Domei news agency broadcast from Tokyo, recorded by the FCC, said that both Giji Manabe and Isaji Tanaka inquired about the government's handling of the people.

Urging more direct steps be taken to enlist the support of the nation at large, Manabe was quoted as saying: "The government should see to it that the burning spirit of resistance on the part of our people can be duly given ven' to."

Manabe charged that a proclamation posted by the governor of Tokyo after the last heavy American raid on the city "should have been done in a more hospital and warm language." He did not disclose its contents.

Domei said Tanaka demanded: "When is the government going to

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4000 Planes Batter Ruhr Rails, Troops

London, March 23 (AP).—The mightiest aerial onslaught in history was carried on with crushing blows today when more than 4000 Allied planes battered communications in and around the German Ruhr in preparation for an imminent Allied drive across the Rhine.

Nazi troops and armor in a 1000-square mile area facing Field Marshal Montgomery's armies were cut off from rear bases after 1600 American heavy bombers and fighters ripped up 11 rail centers and three fleets of RAF Lancasters, blasted other supply links with 11-ton obliteration bombs and made direct attacks on enemy troop concentrations.

Weeks of such terrific bombing have left the Ruhr cratered like the moon and isolated from the rest of Germany amid a jumble of twisted rail lines, broken highways and demolished bridges.

Air crewmen described the weather as ideal for precision bombing. While they were stitching their ring of explosives around the Ruhr hundreds of fighter-bombers and medium bombers from continental bases hammered the inside of the ring in dawn-to-dusk relays through palls of smoke.

With the Nazis' deadly jet planes driven from their forward bases, the American team of 1250 Flying Fortresses and Liberators and 350 Mustangs carrying fragmentation

See AIR, Page 2, Column 5.

731 Jap Planes Blasted in 2-Day Assault by Fleet

Guam (Saturday), March 24 (AP). Carrier planes shot down, destroyed or damaged 731 Japanese planes in the March 18-19 raids on southern Japan, the Navy announced today in an amplification of earlier reports. Previous figures were 475 enemy planes definitely destroyed and more than 100 damaged.

The new communique also supplied new details as to specific land targets damaged on Kyushu, southernmost island of Japan, but added nothing further to the earlier figures of 17 enemy warships sunk or damaged in their hideouts in Japan's inland sea.

The latest total of 731 enemy planes was made up of 281 shot down, 275 destroyed on the ground and 175 probably destroyed or damaged before they could get aloft.

That Was Their Impression

Roosevelt Assures Delegates They'll Chart Security Course

By the Associated Press

Rresident Roosevelt was reported to have assured United States delegates yesterday they would have much freedom of action to chart this country's course at the San Francisco world security conference.

The President talked briefly to five of the eight members of the American group at the White House after the delegates had conferred with Undersecretary of State Joseph C. Grew. Secretary of State Stettinius, former Secretary Cordell Hull and Comdr. Harold E. Stassen were absent.

Delegates apparently came away from the White House with the impression that the President intends to leave largely to them the evolution of this country's program at the April-May conference. This was with the understanding that they will work within the general frame-work of the Dumbarton Oaks preliminary formula.

The Big Three security agreements made at Yalta and elsewhere were said to be regarded by the President as projected solutions of pressing security problems, but as ones which are open to modification if it becomes apparent such action is necessary to bring about conference harmony.

The delegates were given to understand that they do not have to accept such agreements as that involving the voting procedure of the proposed security council as unalterable.

Beyond that the members of the delegation evidently feel that they are free to speak their minds about conference developments.

Most of their controversies are expected to be settled behind closed

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Batter Up—for a Strikeout on Iwo Jima

U. S. Marine Corps Photo.

HERE'S THE WINDUP—A Leatherneck winds up to heave a hand grenade as Marines lay siege to another Japanese cave position in the rocky ridges of northern Iwo Jima. At the extreme right can be seen the feet of a Marine who was killed in the assault

5 Area Men Killed, 18 Wounded

D. C. Officer Gets Third Wound During Fighting for Iwo Jima

District of Columbia service people killed in action reported through March 23 include: Army, 648; Navy, 127; Marines, 66; Coast Guard, 5. Total, 846. United States casualties officially reported since Pearl Harbor 859,587.

Five District area men have been killed, two missing, six prisoners, and 18 as wounded, according to announcement made yesterday.

Of these, Marine Lieut. Col. Justice Chambers received his third wounds in the battle for Iwo Jima, having been previously wounded on Tulagi and Saipan.

KILLED:

Sergt. Eugene A. Barry, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Barry of 1208 Colonial ave., Alexandria, Va.

Sergt. George R. Carns, husband of Mrs. Lucille K. Carns of 5312 8th st. nw.

T/5 Thomas A. Duggan, brother of Mrs. Anne M. Gompers, of 435 Le Baum st. se.

Pfc. Richard H. Smith, brother of Miss Annie E. Smith of 1334 Q st. nw.

Pfc. Forest E. Brantley, 32, husband of Mrs. Ruth H. Brantley of 2717 June st., Arlington, Va.

MISSING:

Corpl. Peter Kikta, jr., whose parents live at 311 Atlantic st. sw.

S 1/c Ernesto Leone, USCG, son of Pasquale Leone of 72 K st. nw.

PRISONERS:

Lieut. James Willoughby Condit, USNR, 28, husband of Mrs. Mae Belle Condit, of 3518 Quesada st. nw.

Second Lieut. Joseph W. Geer, jr., husband of Mrs. Marion L. Geer, of 6305 Seventh st. nw.

Sergt. Charles I. Mehl, 26, hus-

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Rhine Is No Barrier Now, Bradley Says

Kesselring Taking Command at Bad Time, He Declares

Twelfth Army Group Headquarters, March 23 (AP).—The Allies can cross the Rhine "most anywhere at any time," Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley said today, adding that Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring had assumed command of German forces on this front "at a bad time."

The Twelfth Army group commander's remarks to correspondents suggested that conditions now allowed large-scale immediate crossings of the Rhine, without the usual pause after a major campaign for rest, refitting and regrouping.

Bradley said "the necessity of keeping the (Remagen) bridgehead small is now removed," meaning that earlier large forces could not be spared for east of the Rhine operations until the whole west bank had been cleared.

U. S. Losses Relatively Light

Reviewing the Rhineland victory which has cost the Germans more than 233,000 captured, and in which his First and Third armies played leading roles, Bradley paid tribute to "the aggressiveness of our leaders and our soldiers all the way through" and said American losses had been relatively light. At the same time he cautioned "I don't think we should write too glaring headlines that the war is over or anything like that."

Bradley, whose command also embraces the new Fifteenth Army, said that force probably would be in an active role "before too long." (The Germans in a recent broadcast had said the Fifteenth was already operating in the east Rhine bridgehead.)

The general said the First Army's east Rhine salient had been "purposely held back from its fullest exploitation until the operations of the Third and Seventh Armies below the Moselle could be completed."

Faster Than Expected

"The whole operation of clearing the Rhineland has gone faster than we dared hope," he said.

Bradley said Allied armies captured 203,010 Germans in the Rhineland, not including some 30,000 reported captured by the Third Army and not yet processed through prison inclosures. This figure included 51,381 taken by Field Marshal Montgomery's Twenty-first Army Group in the north between February 8 and March 9.

He said that on Wednesday alone the First and Third Armies seized 12,600 Germans at a cost of 81 American lives.

While not announcing American casualties on the Western Front, the general said the greatest number of First and Third Army men killed on any one day between February 22 and March 21 was 269 on February 28 when the two armies captured 3101 Germans. The lowest number of Americans killed on any one day was 80 on March 11 when 3996 prisoners were taken. He said that on six days American dead in both armies was less than 100 daily.

The War Department has said that from D-Day to March 1, American casualties included 70,414 killed, 297,547 wounded and 57,056 missing.

May Be Almost Over

In his caution against "glaring headlines that the war is over or anything like that," Bradley said "it may be almost over. It may last a long time to come. The fact is we have destroyed a lot of forces. Mow much resistance he (the enemy) can put up yet remains to be seen.

"I think we have to strike a balance on our description of this thing, or else we are liable to go wrong.

"You may have remembered somebody made the remark when the Germans attacked here (indicating the Ardennes) that our counteroffensive to clear the Germans out would be necessarily delayed from three to six months. I will leave it to you how far that was wrong.

"So we have got to be carefully how we make too optimistic or too pessimistic statements."

War Sidelights

Allies Feel Rundstedt May Be Dead

Paris, March 23 (AP).—Speculation developed today whether Field Marshal von Rundstedt might have been killed last week when Allied bombers, using a secret new incendiary bomb, destroyed what was believed to have been his Western Front headquarters.

About 150 automobiles parked in the area were wrecked.

Last fall, Marshal Rommel, a former German West Front commander, was killed while attempting to escape an Allied raid in his automobile.

Dispatches from both Ninth Army Headquarters and Field Marshal Montgomery's Twenty-first Army Group Headquarters report that Field Marshal Albert Kesselring has been shifted from Italy to take Von Rundstedt's place as commander in chief on the Western Front.

A dispatch from the First Army Headquarters several days ago, however, said it was believed Von Rundstedt had been replaced because of his drinking habits.

(The Tokyo radio said "it is not clear where the former supreme commander, Field Marshal von Rundstedt, has been transferred." The Berlin radio did not mention Von Rundstedt's replacement, the FCC reported, but Tokyo referred to him in "reports from Berlin.")

Weak Bid for Favor

Saarbrucken, March 23 (AP).—J. C. Underwood of Waukegan, Ill., who entered Saarbrucken with the Seventieth Division, had this report to make on the incident:

"A beer parlor proprietor, hoping to gain favor with the Americans, opened his place and began passing out mugs of beer to any soldier who passed.

"In my capacity as regimental supply officer it seemed part of my job to investigate his supply. Sorry to report that brand was just as watery as French beer."

'Escape' Road Reeks With German Dead

With the United States Third Army East of Kaiserlautern, March 23 (U.P.).—The smell of death hangs over the highway leading east from Kaiserlautern, which the Germans hoped to use for escape.

The bodies of Germans and horses lie along the road now. Broken vehicles are strewn so thickly it is difficult to pick one's way along. Some are still burning and a sickly, fleshy odor lingers.

Clothes, letters, mess kits—personal belongings of all sorts—are scattered everywhere. German civilians scavenge among their own dead like vultures.

On a steep bank on one side of the road is a body of one blond German that seems set apart from its fellows. Its position against the steep slope, and its pronounced Ayran features covered with dust gives it symbolic value—the death of Nazism.

The comber scene was created b ythe Nineteenth Tactical Air Force. Pilots strafed the column of fleeing enemy transport lined bumper to bumper along the road. They destroyed more than 250 transports and 275 horse-drawn vehicles.

Then the Tenth Armored column caught up with the Germans who had survived and destroyed or captured 300 vehicles, 5 tanks, 7 88mm. guns and 5 47mm. guns. A total of 500 horses and 12 artillery pieces were seized and 3000 prisoners taken in the 7-mile stretch of road west of Bad Durkheim.

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announce a guiding directive on what steps the people should take in this crisis?"

The question was turned aside by Koiso, the enemy broadcast said, with the statement that he could not "reveal any policies at this time."

Earlier, Koiso told the Diet his government was "fully prepared" to meet any invasion of the homeland and promised "an offensive toward the recapture of Iwo Jima, Luzon and Guadalcanal Islands.

Widow of Coolidge Denies Grave Neglect

Northampton, Mass., March 23 (U.P.).—Mrs. Grace Coolidge, widow of former President Calvin Coolidge, today denied that her husband's grave at Plymouth, Vt., has been neglected.

Replying to claims made yesterday by the Rev. A. Ritchie Low in the Burlington (Vt.) Daily News, Mrs. Coolidge said she had hired a man to tend the plot, but that lack of help and the ravages of winter may have combined to make the grave appear unkempt.

Mrs. Coolidge reserved comment on a proposal to place the care of the grave under jurisdiction of the town of Plymouth.

Marines Chose Marines

Chicago (U.P.).—When the paymaster of a Marine Corps Aviation unit in the Marianas calls out "Marines," only one man steps forward. He is Corpl. George P. Marines of Chicago who said that he joined the corps because it would complicate matters to have Marines in the Army.

Patton Receives the Boss

Associated Press Wirephoto from Signal Corps

SMILING OCCASION—General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower (left), supreme commander of Allied troops in Europe, shown on his visit to Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, jr., commanding United States Third Army, at the latter's headquarters

Indians Take 2 Burma Towns In Fast Drive

Calcutta, March 23 (AP).—Indian armored forces, driving south from Mandalay at a 20-mile-a-day clip, have vaptured the towns of Pindale and Wundwin just short of Meiktila, further constricting the noose around thousands of Japanese troops cut off west of the Mandalay-Thazi rail line, Allied headquarters announced.

Pindale is 19 miles north of Meiktila and Wundwin is 18 miles northeast on the main north-south trunk road.

It was possible that the Twentieth Division making the southward spurt already had made contact with forces of the British Fourteenth Army, who seized Meiktila in an earlier plunge eastward from the Irrawaddy River and cut the enemy's main supply and retreat route to the port of Rangoon.

The Twentieth Division, operating under a news blackout, drove the 60 miles to Pindale in three days and then cut eastward to Wundwin, meeting only light Japanese resistance except for a stiff encounter at Wundwin.

The disorganized enemy forces in the area were being squeezed from the west, north and south, with the eastern jaw ready to close any time the Allied command chose.

Some Japanese were reported attempting to escape disguised as Burmese country folk, but others were surrendering in greater numbers than ever before in this theater.

Lieut. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan's three-pronged drive in central Burma made progress everywhere. A column pushing west from Lashio crossed the Nan Ma River after wiping out an enemy delaying party and was reported within 10 miles of a junction with the British 36th Division.

The latter force, moving out from captured Mogok, had fought into the outskirts of Mong Long, 70 miles northeast of Mandalay.

Allied planes lashed Japanese installations and communications over wide areas of Burma and Thailand.

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ment to the Austin compromise manpower bill.

Johnson suggested that the labor draft for men 18 to 45, based on the House bill, be eliminated from the Austin measure and that House amendments whch would put overall authority for the program in the hands of the Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion (James F. Byrnes) or any agency he might designate, instead of in the hands of the War Manpower Commission, be adopted.

Includes Labor Freeze

His motion would still include the Austin overall freeze of every person in war jobs or on farms with a penalty of a year in jail, $10,000 fine or both for uitting.

It would also allow these same misdemeanor penalties to be applied to employes who violate ceiling and hiring regulations of the War Manpower Commission.

Thomas was questioned at his press conference on just how these penalties could be applied to employes in specific instances.

How It Wouldn't Work

For example, if WMC put a ceiling of 2000 on a plant with 2500 employes would all the employes, or how many, be subject to penalties if the employer failed to reduce his labor force, reporters queried.

They also asked how workers would know when they were hired that the employer was hiring them in excess of his ceiling.

Thomas said that logically speaking the problems posed by such a law would be insoluble.

Other conferees said any such a law would be totally unworkable.

Heavy Explosion Heard at Dunkerque

London, March 23 (U.P.).—Heavy explosions from the Dunkerque area of northern France shook the southeast coast of England almost continually today.

The explosions, which began at dawn, resembled naval broadsides or salvoes from very large caliber land guns, suggesting a new Allied attack on the by-passed German garrison in Dunkerque.

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doors, but one member said that if he decided at any point the people ought to be consulted about a specific point, he would feel entirely free to call public attention to the problem involved.

In their talks yesterday with Grew, members said that only technical details of the San Francisco meeting were discussed.

The group probably will meet again next week to begin work on a series of proposed amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks formula filed by Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.). Most of these were described as clarifying and technical in nature, but one would open the way to possible future assessment by the peace-keeping league of wartime political decisions.

Chairman Connally (D., Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, one of the four congressional delegates, has indicated he has some changes in mind but declined to discuss them.

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band of Mrs. Evelyn Mehl, of 1443 Sheridan st. nw.

Pfc. Charles R. Fisher, 34, son of Mrs. Emily C. Trammell, of 1306 4th st. nw.

Pvt. Wilbur N. Dinning, 20, brother of Lieut. Col. William Layton Dinning, of 4854 MacArthur blvd.

Pvt. Edward G. McCarthy, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCarthy of 3314 8th st. ne.

WOUNDED:

Lieut. Col. Justice M. Chambers, USMC, 37, husband of Mrs. Johanna Chambers of 630 Quebec pl. nw.

First Lieut. William M. Goldenzweig, 22, son of Jacob Goldenzweig of 453 Tennessee ave. ne.

Staff Sergt. Giles E. Fletcher, 29, husband of Mrs. Bernadette M. Fletcher of 315 Lanark Way, Silver Spring, Md.

Staff Sergt. Ralph R. Ruggles, jr., 25, husband of Mrs. Dorothy I. Ruggles of 1913 Bunker Hill rd. ne.

Sergt. Richard H. Gomersall, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gomersall, of 00 19th st. nw.

Sergt. Francis G. Thomas, son of James H. Thomas, of 1305 Q st. nw.

Sergt. Edgar B. Smallwood, 33, son of Mrs. Anna B. Smallwood, of 1825 Jackson st. ne.

Pfc. Jack Crowell, 21, son of Samuel Crowell of 135 Varnum st. nw.

Pfc. John W. Curseen, son of Mrs. Amy Curseen of 1512 Massachusetts ave. se.

Pfc. Edward M. Harding, jr., son of Edward M. Harding of the Blackstone Hotel.

Pfc. Jack Schmitt, son of Mrs. Sophie Schmitt, of 1331 Randolph st. nw.

Pfc. George A. Woodbury, 25, husband of Mrs. Dena Woodbury, of 1522 22d st. ne.

Pvt. Thomas Christakos, son of Mrs. Katherine Christakos, of 410 Farragut st. nw.

Pvt. Christopher De Francisci, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mariano De Francisci, of 3725 35th st., Mount Rainer, Md.

Pvt. William W. Gravely, son of Mrs. Pearle H. Gravely of 1220 N st. nw.

Pvt. Stewart W. Greenstreet, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Greenstreet of 2434 Monroe st. ne.

Pvt. William E. King, 24, husband of Mrs. Mabel King of 4818½ Nebraska ave. nw.

Pvt. John M. Rains, 24, husband of Mrs. Eva Rains of 1027 16th st. ne.

Low Civilian Pay Seen Problem for Returning Officers

Atlanta, March 23 (AP).—Area Director S. G. Springfield of the War Manpower Commission cited this example today of what he said commissioned officers returning to civilian life may face:

Just out of school, a young man got $35 a week on the staff of a newspaper. As an Air Force lieutenant colonel, he made, with various allownaces, about $7200 a year. Now, he's back on his old job—at $45 a week.

The problem of readjustment to civilian incomes is going to be tough, he said, adding:

"The salary 'take-home' of the average civilian is nothing compared to that of a commissioned officer."

Japs Inflict Brutal Privation on Aussie Being Transferred

Canberra, March 23 (U.P.).—Prime Minister John Curtin revealed today that 18718 Australians are prisoners of the Japanese and that many are being moved from outlying Pacific areas to the Japanese mainland, Korea and Manchuria under "appalling conditions."

"The Japanese generally show callous disregard for the welfare o ftransferred prisoners by failing to provide medical supplies, clothing, adequate food and suitable accommodations," he said. "The conditions are appalling according to western standards."

(The Melbourne radio in a broadcast heard in New York said the massacre of 22 men on Tarawa Ieland by the Japanese had been authenticated by the New Zealand government. Victims included 17 New Zealanders, it was reported.)

Allied Planes, Warship Hit Northern Italy

Rome, March 23 (U.P.).—Allied warships and aircraft have struck powerful blows in north Italy, it was announced today as action along the 150-mile land front again was limited to patroling.

A naval communique revealed that French destroyers bombarded the ports of Savona and San Remo, while the American destroyer Parker scored direct hits on supply dumps and troop concentrations near the Franco-Italian border. The British destroyed Lookout was in action against an enemy command post.

The communique covered action for the past seven days.

Fighter-bombers yesterday spread destruction along railroad and highways.

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bombs were unopposed in their smashes at rail lines.

Gladbeck, one of nine German communications centers hit Thursday, came in for a mop-up attack Friday, along with the big Ruhr supply center of Recklingshausen. Nine other freight yards crammed with equipment for German armies were bombarded.

Some 3500 tons of explosives were dumped on these Ruhr transportation spokes: Osnabrueck, Rheine, Muenster and Coesfeld to the north and Hengstey, Gelsecke, Unna-Dortmund, Holzwickede and Siegen to the east and southeast.

A force of British Lancasters with 22,000-pound bombs knocked out a rail crossing northeast of Bielefeld on one of the few routes still open across the Weser River t othe Ruhr.

The Air Ministry announced that six bridges or railway viaducts which form bottlenecks in the enemy's main supply lines have been shattered in recent attacks, and military men said the Ruhr could be considered isolated.

Rake East-Rhine Troops

A third fleet of Lancasters attacked German troop concentrations and fortified positions on the east bank of the Rhine.

From continental bases, the Ninth Air Force alone registered 1300 sorties before noon, while the Second Tactical Air Force had made more than 1000 several hours before nightfall.

RAF rocket-firing Typhoons, flocking up for the first time from bases inside Germany, joined the carnival of destruction. So thoroughly have the Nazis' rail routes been hammered that only two trains were seen moving in the entire Ruhr, both near Osnabrueck.

Berlin was bombed Thursday night for the thirty-first consecutive night by RAF Mosquitos, which also struck follow-up blows at enemy troop movements in the Ruhr.

13 U. S. Craft Lost

Five America nbombers and five fighters were lost in Thursday's great assault by more than 8000 planes.

Italy-based American heavy bombers returned to Ruhland and dealt what was hoped to be a knockout blow to the vast synthetic oil refinery there. A combined force of Fortresses and Liberators battered the Kagran factory on the outskirts of Berlin while other big bombers hammered three Austrian railyards and pounded one of the enemy's most important tank building factories at St. Valentin.

Three enemy planes were shot down.

Thursday when Italy-based planes ran into jet craft, 27 aircraft, including 25 heavy bombers, failed to retern.

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near future should be able to market their birds by late July," it was declared, many hatcheries will expand operations, WFA said, to help the farmers make the substantial increase in flocks.

Meantime, the special Senate subcommittee to investigate the food situation will open hearings Monday with the meat problem first to be discussed.

Meat on Wrong Ranges

Chairman Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.) said his five-man group would make an attempt to find out why there are record herds of cattle on the range but a meat shortage among civilians. The black market will be "ferreted out," it was promised, and present distribution policies closely scrutinized.

Officials of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, doing some "rough figuring," estimate that should victory in Europe come this summer not more than 10 million tons of food could be found for immediate relief feeding on the continent. This is a generous guess, they declare, and takes into consideration everything which might be spared rom military deliveries, British stocks, and American storehouses.

The 10 million tons would be about one-tenth of the quantity of food produced by this country annually—or slightly less than a month's normal supply for the Nation. It would be necessarily heavily weighted with grains, of which this country has an abundance, and with peas and beans.

Any appreciable amounts of fats and oils, meats or sugar would have to be taken from the American ration and it is these foods which civilians will be expected to share by taking a hitch in their belts.

Acting White House Secretary Jonathan Daniels said the President would make his food report at a press conference rather than by issuing a statement, because he wished to discuss it with correspondents. His regular press conference for yesterday was canceled and the next one is scheduled Tuesday.

Keep the Red Cross by his side. It may mean the difference between life and death.

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terrific bombing, was isolated and paralyzed, ripe for assault.

U. S. First Army forces already across the Rhine had passed the bridgehead phase and, widening their hold on the east bank to more than 33 miles, were ready to join in dealing the decisive blows.

These troops were plunging 10 to 11 miles inland east of the Rhine, and also were pouring southward ready to link hands across the river with the Third Army.

The northward end of the bridgehead was less than 12 miles from the south edge of the Ruhr plain. At any time these northern forces could cross the Sieg River, a minor obstacle compared with those they already have spanned.

German Lines Sagging

German lines were sagging across the Rhine at a critical hour, for Allied bombers were smashing at all avenues of supply or retreat on the north German plain in the path of Montgomery's gathering forces.

The United States Third and Seventh Armies, crushing the Palatinate bulge, overran one main escape hatch for the beaten Germans at Speyer, and were 11 miles or less from the final one at Karlsruhe.

Thus all General Eisenhower's seven veteran armies were on the Rhine and it was disclosed that an eighth, the new United States Fifteenth Army, was ready to take its place in the line of battle.

South of Mainz where the enemy reported the Third Army already had crossed the Rhine was 22 miles north of where the German communique said the Third had tried to cross Thursday in the area east of Frankenthal.

Between these two points, the enemy said, feverish preparations for crossing were in progress behind clouds of artificial fog.

Like Pre-D-Day Moves

Patrols were lashing out from both sides across the Rhine, especially west of Wesel on Montgomery's front, where a 66-mile smoke screen shrouded his moves from the anxious eyes of two German armies waiting on the river's right bank.

Front correspondents likened these moves to the preparations in advance of D-Day last June.

"The Rhine is our bomb line and everything east is a target," said a correspondent from the Canadian First Army Front, where an ominous lull has settled, broken only by the occasional blasts of artillery, dueling across the river.

The Germans were digging zigzag trenches such as those used in the First World War.

Now the Germans had to contend with the explosive power of the U. S. First, Third, Seventh and French First Armies, which with the British Second, the Canadian First and U. S. Ninth ruled the Rhine's west bank almost all the way from Switzerland to the sea.

Blasting at Valhalla Line

The Germans, apprehensive of what Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's aggressive Third Army might do, also reported he was blasting at the east bank "Valhalla Line" with artillery.

Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army bridgehead forces poured armor and infantry southward across the Wied River on a 14-mile front, and seized Neuwied, a city of 20,000, 6½ miles north of Third Army's west bank positions at Coblenz.

While this outward push was paving a way for Third Army Rhine crossings to soil in friendly hands, the Seventy-eighth Infantry Division and mechanized cavalry on the north cleared Henef and thereby got a 10-mile grip on the Sieg River.

Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead said the width and depth of the positions, combined with the strength mustered, virtually ended the bridgehead phase of the operation and made it a solid front across the Rhine.

Bridges Nearly Out of Range

The temporary bridges across which men and machines have funneled now were nearly out of lond-range Nazi artillery fire.

Infantry moving nearly a mile east of the super-highway leading to the Ruhr met little opposition as they broadened to 17 miles their control of the road.

On the south, Whitehead said the Ninety-ninth Infantry Division was across the Wied River to a depth of more than a mile, and had taken at least five places beyond the river, Rossbach, Hochscheid, Waldbrietbach, Wuscheid and Niederbreitbach, all north of Neuwied.

The U. S. Third and Seventh Armies were rushing in for the kill west of the Rhine.

Seize 10,000 Near Worms

Patton's forces were disclosed to have sealed off in their Rhine-ward drive an estimated 10,000 Germans in a small pocket 8 miles north of fallen Worms. It was at Worms that the Seventh Army first reached the Rhine after its Sixth Armored Division made a 60-mile dash in 19 hours, it was disclosed officially during the day.

Speyer fell with only scattered resistance with a five-mile advance by an armored column.

The Tenth Armored Division, which knocked out the Siegfried anchor of Landau, speared 8 miles southeastward to within 11 miles of Karlsruhe, the last good German-held crossing point.

The Siegfried's western anchor of Pirmasens, a city of 42,000, fell to the Seventh Army's Seventy-first Infantry Division, and the Nazi line was rolled eastward until now it is little more than 10 miles long.

Near Another Junction

In that sector, the Third and Seventh Armies were as close as 3 miles to another union. The Germans, being squeezed eastward, now hold about 18 miles of the Rhine's west bank.

The last resistance was crushed in Mainz, where 3000 prisoners were taken by the Ninetieth Infantry in this city in the elbow of the Rhine. Mainz is the capital of Rhenish Hesse, with a peacetime population of 160,000.

Southward, the Ninety-fourth Infantry Division, mopping up the big chemical center of Ludwigshafen, cleared the enemy from the southwestern suburbs of Rheingongen.

The Tenth Armored Division along overran a German column and took 3000 prisoners. The Third Army took 10,020 prisoners Thursday.

Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army was crashing through the tough crust of resistance which had held his forces in check while the Third Army broke through from the north.

Bergzabern Captured

While the Siegfried Line was being rolled up from the west, the Thirty-sixth Division after two days of bitter fighting captured Bergzabern, a line pivot 5 miles north of the French frontier city of Wissembourg.

This laid bare a 15-mile flank of the thickly sown dragons' teeth of the Siegfried Line, and armor, infantry and artillery poured around it.

The 103d Infantry was reported at the outskirts of Klingenmuster, 5 miles southward of Landau, where it was less than 3 miles from a junction with the Thirty-sixth Division, which would close a ring around Annweiler forest.

The Forty-second Division crashed through the Siegfried Line farther west against little resistance, taking Dahn and Busenberg, 10 miles southeast of Pirmasens.

The Fourteenth Armored Division was engaged in some of the stiffest fighting at Steinfeld, 15 miles west of Karlsruhe, where the Germans were holding open their last routes across the Rhine.

Other Divisions Engaged

Other U. S. divisions in action:

Third Infantry: Mopping up German pockets in Palatinate.

Seventy-first Infantry: Took Pirmasens, western anchor of Siegfried Line.

Seventy-eighth Infantry: Cleared Henef in Remagen bridgehead.

Ninty-fourth Infantry: Mopping up in Ludwigshafen.

Sleeping Tablets Fatal to Wife of Rupert Hughes

Hollywood, March 23 (AP).—Mrs. Rupert Hughes, 42, wife of the author, died today in Hollywood Receiving Hospital shortly after she had been taken there by police ambulance from her home.

Officers C. B. Sylvester and James Temple, who answered a call from the Hughes home, said she accidentally took an overdose of sleeping tablets in an effort to overcome the pain of an ailment from which she long had been a sufferer.

Mrs. Hughes was known in literary circles as Elizabeth Patterson Dial and was a well-known writer. She married Hughes in Madison, Fla., in 1924. They have no children.

Hiring of Boy Wreckers Solves 2 Park Problems

Indianapolis, March 23 (INS).—Ed Lacey, Indianapolis park superintendent, announced today he had solved his manpower shortage and juvenile delinquency problems with one decision.

He hired several teen-age boys who had caused $63 damage to park property and put them to work wrecking a building, a job for which he could find no men.

And take it from Lacey, it was the best wrecking job on record.

Briton Suggests Grim Reminder for Berlin

London, March 23 (AP).—Capt. Sir William Bass, Conservative, suggested to Commons today that a badly bombed section of Berlin be preserved in its state of devastation as a reminder that Germany started the war. He said Prime Minister Churchill should incorporate the proposal in surrender terms.

Whisky Drinkers Face Dryest Days Since Repeal

New York, March 23 (INS).—Distillers warned whisky drinkers today to prepare for the worst shortage to strike the country since repeal of prohibition.

Stocks are expected to touch an all-time low within two or three weeks, distillers said, the greatest dearth being in Scotch and bourbon. Retailers predicted that a buying rush could be expected from black market operators.

Stocks decreased 13.2 per cent from January 31, 1944 to a similar period this year, regardless of the liquor-making permitted in last October and January.

Rum, gin and brandy will remain plentiful—at least temporarily—it was reported.

Flying Tiger to Seek Wyoming Governorship

New York, March 23 (AP).—A serious-minded, 28-year-old "Flying Tiger" with 102 missions to his credit in China, today announced his intention of "running for governor of the State of Wyoming when the war is over."

He is Maj. Dallas Clinger of Etna, Wyo., son of a Wyoming rancher.

"I am not interested in politics, but in leadership," he said, declining to state whether he intended to run on the Republican or Democratic ticket. He added, however, that Wyoming was traditionally a Republican State.

300 British Internees Hom

Liverpool, March 23 (U.P.).—Three hundred British civilian internees from Germany arrived today aboard the Swedish exchange ship Drottningholm. They were repatriated by way of Sweden.

A group of Argentine nationals was aboard the liner but none was permitted to land immediately.

Tank-Led Japs Open Offensive Near Hankow

Chungking, March 23 (AP).—Sixty thousand tank-led Japanese troops have opened a new offensive northwest of the central China city of Hankow, aimed at seizing the wheat crop in northern Hupeh and southern Honan provinces and removing the Chinese threat to the Peiping-Hankow Railway, the Chinese announced today.

Initial reports indicated the enemy columns were making good progress.

Several Allied airfields are in the path of the drive, including one at Laohokow, 190 miles northwest of Hankow. The Japanese struck from bases between Kingmen, northeast of the Yangtze port of Ichang, and Sinyang.

A Chinese spokesman described the push as a "defensive offensive" and said the Chinese welcomed the move as it thinned out the Japanese and gave Chinese forces an opportunity to strike back.

Two Japanese columns were reported approaching the Han River town of Icehng, 145 miles northwest of Hankow, in heavy fighting. The Chinese garrison of a town 25 miles north of Kingmen was said to have been wiped out after hand-to-hand fighting.

spokesman said the Japanese continued to strengthen their coastal defenses, fearful of an American landing, and even had brought troops down from Manchuria.

DECORATE

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Mrs. Ernest A. Garlington, lives at 3227 Reservoir rd. nw. The medal was given for "outstanding services" as commanding general of the Army Service Forces Training Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

"Father of Jeep" Decorated

Another Legion of Merit was given to Col. Edwin S. Van Deusen, 3116 Northampton st. nw., of the special staff, Office of Chief of Ordnance, in Detroit, Mich. Known in Army circles as "gotfather" of the jeep, Colonel Van Deusen was cited for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as director of engineering, Motor Transport Service." He is naow a patient at Walter Reed General Hospital.

A French Legion of Honor decoration was pinned on Maj. Gen. Wade H. Haislip, commandant of the Fifteenth Corps of the Seventh Army in France, by Maj. Gen. Jacques LeClerc in the name of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

In a ceremonial parade on an Alsatian plain in the foothills of the Vosges River, foot troops of General LeClerc's French armored division marched in review, followed by tanks bearing the Cross of Lorraine and manned by crimson-battered veterans who fuoght in Fifteenth Corps operations from Normandy to the Rhine. General Haislip's wife lives at the Kennedy-Warren Apartments, 3133 Connecticut ave. nw.

Two Get Silver Stars

Silver Stars have been given to two District men—Capt. Sidney C. Cole, for whom the War Department has no local address, and Lieut. Bernard Lieb, whose wife lives at 5822 Colorado ave. nw. Captain Cole's medal was earned when he conducted an extensive reconnaissance to keep his division posted on a cut-off route and directed the fire of his tank destoryer units on enemy mortar positions, thus contributing to the defeat of a counterattack inside the German border.

Lieutenant Lieb, a song-writer and former War Department employe, was wounded by a machine gun bullet on November 21 but "valiantly mastered the intense pain of his injury and, displaying outstanding determination and devotion to duty, continued firing until the enemy gun was destroyed. By his skill and daring he enabled his company to attain its object (in Alsace) without suffering a single casualty."

Air Medals

Air Medals have been awarded to:

Lieut. Ulphian C. Loftin, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Loftin, 436 Loughboro rd. nw., a pilot with a veteran Liberator bombardment group of the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy.

Staff Sergt. William J. Hunt, 141 Massachusetts ave. se., for "meritorious and courageous achievement" in the southwest Pacific.

Staff Sergt. Thomyns D. Monaha-han, 19, waist gunner of an Eighth Air Force Liberator, who received a third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. His mother is Mrs. Elizabeth D. Monaghan of Manassas, Va.

Bronze battle stars on theater ribbons have been awarded to:

Maj. Maurice V. Geens, 2708 Lee blvd., Arlington, Va., who is serving in France;

Technician 5/g Louis Becker, 1345 Saratoga ave. nw., who received three stars for battle participation in the Normandy, Northern France and German campaigns with the Seventh Army;

Pvt. William R. Jones, 14 Buchanan st. ne., also with the Seventh Army, a battle star for the fighting in Germany.

'Lapkin' Replaces Napkin

Chicago (U.P.).—A smaller sized rectangular "lapkin" has been substituted for the standard square napkin in restaurants throughout the city. "The idea is to save materials," the Linen Supply Co. said, "but the new and smaller 'lapkin' is more practical and easier to handle."

TUNE IN SUNDAYS
The Old Fashioned Revival Hour
WWDC—9-10 P. M.
International Gospel Broadcast
Charles E. Fuller
Director

The Federal Diary

By Jerry Kluttz

Patronage Heat Turned On Independent Agencies

PATRONAGE has been demanded of Federal agencies by Robert Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

KLUTTZ

With the support of FDR, Hannegan, it was learned recently had Cabinet members and the heads of independent agencies together in his office at the Mayflower to plead for their cooperation in appointing fewer Republicans and more deserving Democrats to key Federal jobs. He said the morale of Democratic Party workers was being damaged by the appointments of Republicans. He emphasized that the party must tighten its lines and build up a solid organization to be ready for next year's congressional campaigns. As a result of the confab, Hannegan is passing on the appointments of most key people. At it were representatives of every major agency except the War and Navy Departments and the War Production Board. Hannegan also is preparing for the '46 congressional elections by working with new Democratic members of Congress.

DIARY NOTES: Betty Finnegan is secretary to Charles Jackson, program director at the Office of War Information in charge of Wac and nurse recruiting appeals. Jackson has been doing his best to sell American girls on the Wac and nurse services. But he did too well. Yesterday Betty went out and joined up as a medical Wac . . . Newsweek reports that a Wac major complained of the nondelivery of 15,000 brassieres. The Office of the Quartermaster General checked up and found them stored among crockery supplies in a warehouse at Camp Lee, Va. The warehouse staff, it seems, had taken too literally the size labels on the boxes: "Cup One, Cup Two, Cup Three" . . . An expert, reports a Federal official, "is an individual who is unhampered by previous knowledge of the subject." Another official defines an expert "as an individual who agrees with nobody else on a given subject."

DIARY NOTES: Federal workers who can be spared will be allowed up to three hours annual leave on Good Friday to attend church services. This is White House policy. Any time taken off must be charged to annual leave or leave without pay. . . . Clark M. Groninger is the new assistant deputy Solid Fuels administrator at Interior. He's on leave as coal traffic manager for the B. & O. Railroad. . . . Representative Neely of West Virginia has introduced a bill to increase civil service pensions of less than $1440 by 15 per cent for the duration. . . . Civil service needs: personnel officer and personnel assistant, $3163 to $4428; engineering draftsman, $1620 to $3163, and administrative officer, $3163 to $6228. . . . It was Representative C. M. Bailey of West Virginia who introduced the model plane bill referred to here the other day. Not Senator Bailey of North Carolina.

PAY BILL: A Republican, Representative Homer D. Angell of Oregon, has introduced a companion bill to the Downey pay measure in the House. The bill provides everything recommended by the Administration plus a flat increase of 15 per cent in base pay for white-collar Federal workers . . . The House yesterday adopted a rule which will save the Farm Security appropriation from being knocked from the Agriculture bill on a point of order . . . Les Evans is back on his old job as assistant personnel director in charge of classification at Federal Works . . . Representative Francis Case of South Dakota has introduced a bill which would do away with much paper work in handling retirement accounts. His bill would compel agencies to transfer 5 per cent of their appropriations for salaries to the retirement fund. It's now handled on an individual basis. The commission is opposed but it informed Case that a new system to handle retirement accounts at a lower cost is being worked out.

An employe says—

The Boss drives his men; the Leader coaches them.

The Boss depends on authority, the Leader on good will.

The Boss inspires fear; the Leader inspires enthusiasm.

The Boss says "I"; the Leader says "We."

The Boss says "Get there on time"; the Leader says "Get there ahead of time."

The Boss fixes the blame for the breakdown; the Leader fixes the breakdown.

The Boss knows how it's done; the Leader shows how.

The Boss makes work a drudgery; the Leader makes work a game.

The Boss says "go." The Leader says, "Let's go."

—Personnel Administration.

Maryland to Mark Negro Health Week

Baltimore, March 23 (AP).—Negro Health Week will be observed in Maryland April 1-8 in connection with the observance of the thirty-first National Negro Health Week, the State Health Department announced.

The department said special health clinics were scheduled and general physical check-ups would be given Negro school children by county health officers.

Md. Assembly Gets Postwar Project Bills

Annapolis, Md., March 23 (AP).—Bills detailing the administration's 12-million-dollar postwar reconstruction and development program and proposing a $4,625,000 bond issue to partially finance it were introduced in both houses of the General Assembly today.

Other administration measures sent to both houses, probably the last major ones for this session, were those to fix the real estate and property tax rate for the fiscal years 1946-47 at 11 cents per $100 valuation and provide bonus payments for State employes earning less than $3000 a year.

Committees Start Work

The Senate finance and the House ways and means committees set to start work on them immediately.

A total of $2,313,000 of the bonds would be dated July 1, 1946, and the remainder July 1, 1947. The bonds would "bear interest at a rate to be fixed by the Governor, the comptroller of the treasury and the treasurer of the State, or a majority of them, not to exceed 4 per cent" yearly. They would become redeemable, according to their series, from July 1, 1949, through July 1, 1962.

The companion bill listed a total of 30 projects for the postwar capital improvement program, ranging from new State Police buildings to construction and equipping of three chronic disease hospitals, one on the Eastern Shore, one in the Baltimore area, and one in western Maryland.

The capital improvement program, operative through the Board of Public Works, is distinct from the State Roads Commission program of postwar roads development.

Plans Tax Rate Cut

The proposed property tax rate of 11 cents per $100 is one cent lower than that of the last two fiscal years, and represents a new low for many years in Maryland.

Both Houses received scores of committee reports at afternoon sessions, the great majority on local bills.

The Senate killed, through adoption of an unfavorable report, a House bill introduced by Delegate Luber (D., Baltimore Fifth), which would have prohibited actions in Maryland for breach of promise and alienation of affections.

The House, meanwhile, fought off an attempt to revive the eight-point oyster measure bill by defeating 67 to 32 a motion to reconsider the vote by which an unfavorable committee report on it was adopted recently.

After prolonged discussion, the Senate Finance Committee indorsed today the bill of one of its members which would provide for the election of three additional members each from House and Senate to the legislative council.

The committee engaged in a general controversy following the suggestion of Senator Hampton (D., Montgomery) head of a subcommittee that studied the bill that the additional councilmen be appointed instead of elected.

Despite misgivings of some Senators that "electioneering" might result if the bill were enacted, the Senate finance group finally voted unaimously to report the bill favorable as it had been drafted—providing for the election of the six additional members, two of whom, one from the House and the other from the Senate group, would have to be Republicans.

WPB Head Addresses 3000 in Hagerstown

Associated Press Photo

AT FAIRCHILD PLANT—J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board (standing, left), addresses 3000 warworkers of the Fairchild aircraft division at employe award ceremonies at Hagerstown, Md., plant on Thursday. Krug told them that the American people in 1945 face the biggest war production program since the start of war

Dr. Goodwin Dies; Veteran Va. Minister

Suffolk, Va., March 23 (AP).—Dr. Harry Jefer Goodwin, 66, pastor of the First Baptist Church here and dean of Suffolk ministers, died early today at his home after a brief illness.

Dr. Goodwin celebrated his nineteenth anniversary March 4 as pastor of the First Baptist Church. He had been an ordained minister 50 years. He was born February 16, 1879, in Gordonsville, Orange County, and was a son of the late Robert Jeter Goodwin and Betty Davis Goodwin.

The Baptist pastor was a member and past president of the Suffolk-Nansemond Ministerial Association. He had been member of the Suffolk Lions Club during his 19 years here, and was a members of the Silver Cross Circle of King's Daughters.

John H. Baggs

Denton, Md., March 23 (AP)—John Houston Baggs, 85, who retired in 1932 after 17 years as operator of the Brick Hotel, died yesterday and will be buried Sunday in Denton. Baggs is survived by his wife, a brother and a sister.

Mrs. Mary C. Byers

Martinsburg, W. Va., March 23. Services will be held at the Methodist Church at Marlowe, this county, Sunday afternoon, with interment at Shepherdstown, W. Va., for Mrs. Mary Catherine Byers, 88, who died late Wednesday. She was the last of nine children. Nearest survivors are nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Ada Byron Payne

Charlottesville, Va., March 23.—Funeral rites for Mrs. Ada Byron Payne, 71, who died at her home in this city, were held this afternoon at Beaverdam Church, in Fluvanna County. Besides her husband, Thomas P. Payne, she is survived by one son, R. H. Payne, of this city; a brother, W. S. Hicks, and six sisters.

Mrs. Rhoda E. West

Charlottesville, Va., March 23.—Mrs. Rhoda Elizabeth West, 47, wife of Walter R. West, died yesterday at her home at Crozet, this county. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at Mount Moriah Methodist Church at White Hall. Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, Mrs. Martha Anne Dunn of Crozet, Miss Elizabeth West of this city and Miss Alice Virginia West of White Hall. She also leaves one brother and two sisters.

Milk Sought for Children As Culpeper Deliveries Halt

Culpeper, Va., March 23 (AP).—Culpeper's town manager, Robert Huffman, took action this afternoon to obtain fresh milk for homes with children as the town and adjacent sections faced a critical shortage of the product from the failure of the two principal dairies to deliver today.

The two dairies, the Kinloch, owned by Temple Slaughter, and the Meadowbrook, owned by Charles Saunders, supply almost all of Culpeper's milk.

The owners announced their decision to withdraw their deliveries from the approximately 3000 citizens in and near Culpeper after they had been advised by the OPA yesterday afternoon that they should immediately conform with the 14 cents per quart for pasteurized milk price ceiling set for the Culpeper section. Heretofore, Slaughter and Saunders have been getting 16 cents a quart.

Slaughter, who it is estimated furnishes 95 per cent of the milk for the Culpeper area, stood firmly tonight on his earlier assertion that he will not deliver milk at 14 cents a quart. He said he will operate at a loss if he does so.

Under persuasion of City Manager Huffman and others, Saunders agreed to deliver milk at 14 cents to his usual customers and started making deliveries of his supply on hand. He also said he would sell milk to any persons needing milk for children who would come to his farm a mile from Culpeper and carry it.

City Manager Huffman said, "Mr. Saunder has consented to make these deliveries until some decision can be reached by the OP Ain the case."

Only a slight relief was afforded by Saunders' deliveries, covering only about 5 per cent of the consumers.

Huffman said: "We are working on this and will know soon just what we can do about the situation. He said he had offered his own car to a woman with three children who had no way to go to Saunders' farm for milk and who is not a regular customer of Saunders.

"I like milk, but I'm not going to ask for any until the children get all they need," the city manager declared.

Chairman E. E. Johnson of the OPA in Culpeper, who Slaughter said showed both dairymen a letter from the Richmond office of the OPA stating they would have to comply with the price ceilings, said he had no comment except that "I think something will be done about this situation shortly."

Slaughter said tonight that he had been answering telephone calls all day from mothers wanting to know what they could do about getting milk for their children, and from other patrons. "It upsets me to hear these ladies calling, but I can't undertake to bear the expense, myself, of selling milk at 14 cents," he declared. He said the customers are willing to pay 16.

Slaughter said he had been unable to get the necessary priorities to enlarge his processing plant and has been compelled to take his milk to Fredericksburg for pasteurizing and bottling before bringing it back to Culpeper to sell. "My profit at 16 cents was such a small fraction of a cent it was hardly worth while. It would cost me a cent and a half a quart to sell my milk at 14 cents."

He asserted that he can sell his milk wholesale, to big Fredericksburg, Charlottesville or Washington dairy concerns, without having to go to the trouble of processing it. "All I'd have to do is set it out in 10-gallon cans."

On the Area Roll of Honor

Maryland

NAVY DEAD

DRUERY, Carroll L., Jr., Pvt., USMCR. Wife, Mrs. Carroll L. Druery, Jr., Baltimore.

NAVY MISSING

HILL, Claude Julian, Lieut., USNR. Wife, Mrs. Mildred Herndon Hill, Clarksburg.

SEARLS, Robert Wellington, Lieut. (j. g.), USNR. Wife, Mrs. Portia Filbert Searles, Baltimore.

ARMY DEAD—PACIFIC REGIONS

BROMLEY, Weldon C., Pfc., son of Mrs. Myrtle V. Twinning, Princess Anne.

COVER, Harry J., jr., Pfc., son of Mrs. Rose T. Cover, Lansdowne.

HOUCK, David H., Maj., son of Mrs. Nellie W. Houck, Baltimore.

KUHNLE, William D., Pfc., son of Mrs. Bertha M. Kuhnle, Baltimore.

LAPORTE, Robert W., Sergt., son of George C. Laporte, Baltimore.

LOVERDE, Norman J., Pfc., son of Mrs. Julia Loverde, Baltimore.

McGEE, Arthur L., Sergt., husband of Mrs. Iva J. McGee, Baltimore.

ORR, James A., Pfc., son of Mrs. Edith A. Orr, Baltimore.

ROSCH, John G., S/Sergt., husband of Mrs. Alva L. Rosch, Baltimore.

ARMY PRISONERS OF WAR—GERMANY

ABBOTT, Henry G., Pfc., son of Mrs. Jeannie G. Abbott, Berlin.

ANDERSON, George N., jr., First Lieut., son of G. Norman Anderson, Baltimore.

ARRINGTON, William A., Jr., Sergt., son of Mrs. Grace E. Arrington, Sykesville.

ADGERINOS, Steve, Sergt., brother of Mrs. Catherine Petrides, Baltimore.

CASTILOW, John E., Pfc., husband of Mrs. Mildred R. Castilow, Oakland.

CHESTER, Morris S., T5, son of Mrs. Florence M. Chester, Baltimore.

EWELL, Winston R., Pfc., husband of Mrs. Evelyn C. Ewell, Baltimore.

GARNER, Wilson S., Sergt., son of Thomas A. Garner, Bel Alton.

INNERST, Elmer P., T5, son of Mrs. Marie G. Innerst, Baltimore.

LAUMANN, Ira T., Sergt., son of Mrs. Martha R. Laumann, Baltimore.

LECKNER, Lawrence A., Pvt., husband of Mrs. Bertha Leckner, Lansdowne.

LOVELESS, John T., jr., Pfc., husband of Mrs. Kathryn Grove Loveless, Baltimore.

MAYNE, William C., Pfc., husband of Mrs. Cliffie M. Mayne, Woodbine.

McCALO, Donald J., Corpl., son of Mrs. Katherine McCalo, Baltimore.

MILLER, Robert C., Second Lieut., husband of Mrs. Dorothy W. Miller, Baltimore.

MORAN, James P., Pvt., son of Mrs. Sarah J. Moran, Westernport.

NORTON, Arthur E., S/Sergt husband of Mrs. Christine G. Norton, Baltimore.

Virginia

NAVY WOUNDED

ALLEN, Jefferson Davies, Steward mate 1c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Green Allen, Norfolk.

MICHAUX, Joseph E., Pfc., USMCR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin J. Michaux, Sandston.

ARMY DEAD—PACIFIC REGIONS

BARRY, Eugene A., Sergt., son of Mrs. Clara Barry, Alexandria.

BLANCHFIELD, Charles W., Pfc., son of Mrs. Annie Blanchfield, Winchester.

DUNNAVANT, Bernard R., Corpl., son of Mrs. Fannie J. Dunnavant, Victoria.

INGRAM, Garnett W., Pvt., son of Mrs. Annie B. Ingram, Danville.

JONES, Robert F., First Lieut., husband of Mrs. Frances M. Jones, Urbanna.

KNUPP, Orville L., Pfc., son of Mrs. Bessie L. Knupp, Timberville.

MAROULIS, George G., Sergt., son of Mrs. Anna Maroulis, Norfolk.

NELSON, Forest S., S/Sergt., son of Harrison S. Nelson, Radford.

PRILLAMAN, Edward R., Pvt., son of Mrs. Julia V. Prillaman, Roanoke.

STONEBURNER, Troy L., First Lieut., son of John L. Stoneburner, Mount Jackson.

TUTT, Earl N., Pfc., son of Leslie C. Tutt, Alexandria.

ARMY PRISONERS OF WAR—GERMANY

ADDIGTON, Douglas N., Pfc., husband of Mrs. Estelle M. Addington, Bondtown.

AZZI, Alighiero A., Pfc., husband of Mrs. Margaret P. Azzi, Richmond.

BACKUS, Earl T., T4, husband of Mrs. Mattie P. Backus, Howertons.

BALL, Clyde S., S/Sergt., husband of Mrs. Mattie S. Ball, Roanoke.

BEASLEY, Henry L., Pvt., husband of Mrs. Clara B. Beasley, Petersburg.

BELL, Frank W., Second Lieut., son of Mrs. Mattie W. Bell, Birds Nest.

BLACKWELL, James C., T5, son of Mrs. Ora N. Blackwell, White Hall.

BROOKS, Walter H., Pfc., son of Mrs. Nannie H. Brooks, Altavista.

BURKLEIN, Homer K., First Lieut., son of Mrs. Esther K. Buerlein, Norfolk.

BURGESS, William K., First Lieut., husband of Mrs. Dorothy F. Burgess, Norfolk.

DOBBINS, Alfred D., Pvt., brother of Miss Mary A. Dobbins, Radford.

DODSON, Louis F., Sergt., son of Mrs. Lucy E. Dodson, Winchester.

DODSON, Marion W., Corpl., son of Mrs. Lizzie M. Dodson, Front Royal.

DOYLE, Marvin W., Corpl., husband of Mrs. Annie E. Doyle, Arlington.

GARRETT, Melvin C., Pvt., husband of Mrs. Virginia G. Garrett, Norge.

GILLIAM, Luther R., S/Sergt., son of Mrs. Hannie P. Gilliam, Portsmouth.

KEEN, Omar, Pvt., son of Mrs. Josephine Keen, Oakwood, Buchanan.

LOVELL, Joseph R., Pfc., husband of Mrs. Vera E. Lovell, Martinsville.

LOWMAN, Raymond C., Corpl., son of Mrs. Nina B. Lowman, Richmond.

MICHAELS, James J., Pfc., husband of Mrs. Vera I. Michaels, South Boston.

NUNNALLY, Calvin A., First Lieut., husband of Mrs. Marjorie K. Nunnally, Richmond.

POWERS, James R., Sergt., son of Mrs. Ona Powers, Bucna.

WRIGHT, Josiah P., Pvt., husband of Mrs. Minnie Wright, Patrick Springs.

WYNEGAR, Scott H., Pvt., son of Mrs. Marjorie I. Wynegar, Holston.

Hearing Slated In Veteran's Death

Harrisonburg, Va., March 23 (AP). Ralph (Slim) Garner, 49, repatriated Paris restaurant, now a Harrisonburg office worker, has entered a plea of innocent to a charge of murder in the death of Frank C. Smith, Harrisonburg mechanic and World War II veteran.

A preliminary hearing is set for April 5.

Date of hearing for Mrs. Smith, also charged with the murder of Smith, is set for April 2. She, likewise, has pleaded innocent and is at liberty under $10,000 bond. Garner is out on bail of $15,000.

Smith was found dead in the basement of his home here February 20.

Elks Head Elected

Winchester, Va., March 23 (AP).—Howard J. Cahill has been elected exalted ruler of Winchester Lodge of Elks, succeeding William W. Glass.

Potomac Dams Condemned by W. Va. Board

Charleston, W. Va., March 23 (AP). Developing sentiment in West Virginia against an Army engineers' proposal to build 14 dams in the Potomac River watershed crystallized today in the vigorous opposition of the State Planning Board.

The agency went on record in unanimous condemnation of the flood control and hydroelectric power development project, then instructed Board Chairman C. R. Orton to prepare a formal brief for presentation April 3 at a public hearing in Washington before the Army Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

Farm Bureau Also Foe

The West Virginia Farm Bureau already had announced its intentions to protest, while the Public Service Commission has filed a formal notice to protect its interests should a later decision be made to enter the controversy.

Orton declared that the "time to stop a thing like this is at the very beginning."

Five of the proposed dams would be located on West Virginia tributaries of the Potomac, three others would form artificial lakes in this State, while four of the dams would affect Maryland and two would involve Virginia.

Tax Rolls Seen Hit

Setting forth the board's objections, Orton declared the project would deprive six eastern counties of much taxable land, there is no proven need for hydroelectric power development in that area, and West Virginia would be seriously damaged in order to benefit the City of Washington.

Orton, who is dean of the West Virginia University College of Agriculture, said the project had been proposed on a basis of 92 per cent for electric power development, 2 per cent for flood control, and 6 per cent for recreation and regulation of stream control.

Policeman Gets 5 Years in Rum Theft at Norfolk

Norfolk, Va., March 23 (AP).—A Corporation Court jury yesterday convicted P. O. Atkinson of participating with two other policemen in the theft of whisky valued at $2500 here last December 13 when the three were members of the Norfolk police force, and his punishment was set at five years in the penitentiary.

Atkinson and A. J. Bell and E. C. Stone were jointly indicted for alleged robbery in the case which involved the hijacking of whisky from Benjamin Cohen of New York by bootleggers while Atkinson and Bell were supposed to have Cohen under arrest.

The three men, who resigned after the incident had been disclosed to Police Chief John F. Woods, also are under indictment for alleged acceptance of bribes from the men who stole the whisky. The robbery indictment against Bell and Stone and the bribery charges were continued until April 18.

Judge Richard B. Spindle will hear a motion for a new trial for Atkinson at a later date.

New School Head Appointed in Va.

Front Royal, Va., March 23 (AP). Q. D. Gasque, principal of Warren County High School for the past 20 years, has been appointed superintendent of the Warren-Rappahannock school division.

He was named by a unanimous vote of the school boards of Warren and Rappahannock Counties in joint session to serve for a four-year term beginning July 1, 1945.

He succeeds G. Tyler Miller, president of the Virginia Education Association, who has been superintendent since 1928. The latter has resigned to become superintendent of the Charlottesville schools, effective July 1.

Va. Assembly Votes Study Of Poll Tax

Richmond, Va., March 23 (AP).—The Virginia General Assembly apparently disposed of the issue of immediate poll tax repeal today in favor of a commission study of the question during lengthy sessions, which paved the way for adjournment of the special session tomorrow.

Administration measures for a study of the tax and suffrage laws were passed by both the Senate and the House without argument and in the House without a recorded vote. There was no effort to bring to the floor the outright repeal resolutions, which were killed by the House Privileges and Elections committee and pigeonholed by the corresponding Senate group.

Darden Favored Study

Governor Darden stated in his message that he planned to submit the question of repeal of the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting to the regular session in January. The report of the study commission provided for today will be rendered in time for consideration at that session.

The Senate made fast time in its two-hour session in disposing of some of the major items of business before the Assembly. It passed, without amendments the $4,227,000 school improvement bill; the new war voting bill, and the bill providing for the constitutional convention April 30.

The vote on the convention bill was 39-0 after the Senate voted down proposals by Senator Jacob A. Garber of Harrisonburg, Republican, that the number of delegates be 100 instead of 40, and if not 100 only 9 or a single vote by the Governor himself for the "rubber stamp" convention.

Garber Disgruntled

Garber, making his first speech in the Senate after taking office this session, urged the apportionment of 100 delegates to make the convention "representative of the people."

Defeat of his 100-delegate amendment brought from him the proposal that "we go to the other extreme—name only one from each congressional district" or let the Governor alone approve the "rubber stamp" proceedings.

Senator Garber contended that his proposals were not inconsistent, since "your vote shows the convention will not be a representative body."

Also approved by the Senate was the Perrow-Stephens Senate bill to appropriate $400,000 for a dormitory for girls and $31,500 for graduate training of public school teachers at the University of Virginia. An identical bill was passed by the House yesterday.

Other bills passed at the rapidly moving Senate session included:

Battle Senate bill providing for the creation of a State pardon board with the power of commuting capital punishment and granting pardons and reprieves. A provision allows the appointment of the present parole board members to this board.

Perrow-Stephens Senate bill appropriating $125,000 to the Virginia State College for Negroes at Petersburg.

Battle-Stephens Senate bill to appropriate $275,000 from the literary fund for increased teacher retirement pay for older teachers.

House Moves Slowly

The House moved slowly today through a mass of noncontroversial legislation. Without a dissenting vote, it adopted among other bills, the following:

The administration bills to permit war veterans to make real estate loans in Virginia under the "GI Bill of Rights" and to permit Virginia insurance companies to comply with out-of-State statutes which may be enacted because of a recent Supreme Court decision. (These bills previously had been adopted by the Senate.)

Campbell and Moncure bills to enable Wytheville, Wythe County and Stanford County to build memorials to World War II veterans.

Stokes bill to provide staggered terms for members of the town council of Covington and to allow them $150 per annum salaries.

Beazley bill to make it unlawful to maliciously wound or kill any dog, regardless of whether the dog has been listed for taxation as now provided by law, so long as the dog is properly licensed.

Livestock and Produce

Richmond Markets

Richmond, Va., March 23 (AP) (USDA).—Prices represent sales on wholesale market.

WHITE POTATOES — Receipts moderate; market steady; 100-lb. sacks New York and Maine, 3.60@3.90.

CABBAGE — Receipts moderate; market strong; 50-lb. sacks Florida and South Carolina, 1.50@2.00; some poor quality lower.

APPLES — Market dull; various varieties, small and 1¾-inch sizes, no demand; U. S. grade No. 1, 2¼-2½ inches, 1.75@2.25; U. S. grade No. 1, 2½ inches up, 2.75@3.50.

EGGS (prices paid net to producers, f.o.b. Richmond)—Receipts good; market firm; Federal-State grading stations, whites and browns, U. S. grade A large, 34@37; U. S. grade A medium, 31@3; U. S. grade A small, 28; U. S. grade B large, 3; U. S. grade B medium, 30; U. S. grade C large, 30; pullets, 30; nearby ungraded current receipts, whites and mixed colors, 30@3; large extras No. 1, 37; No. 2, 36½; No. 3, 36; No. 4, 35½; large standards 1 to 4, 33.

LIVE POUTRY (prices paid net to producers, f.o.b. Richmond)—No receipts; all poultry very much in demand at ceiling prices; roasters, 28½; broilers and fryers, 29.40; fowl, 25.90; old roosters, 20.

HOGS—Receipts, 2500; market at ceiling, 14.85 on good and choice barrows and gilts 160-300 lbs. grading hard under Federal carcass inspection; 100-120 lbs., 12.80; 120-140 lbs., 14.30; 140-160 lbs., 14.55; 300-330 lbs., 14.55; weights 330 lbs. up, 14.30; good sows under 350 lbs., 14.10; 350-500 lbs., 13.30; over 50 lbs., 11.85; good stags, 10.35; under Federal carcass inspection hogs grading soft are discounted 75 cents per hundred and those grading oily 1.50 per hundred.

CATTLE—Choice steers, 15.50@16.00; good, 14.50@15.00; medium, 12.00@13.50; common, 8.00@10.00; good beef type cows, 10.50@11.50; good dairy type, 9.50@10.00; medium, 7.50@8.00; common, 5.50@6.50; shelly kinds lower; good beef type heifers, 13.50@14.00; medium, 8.00@10.00; common, 6.00@7.00; good butcher bulls, 9.50@10.50; medium, 8.00@8.50; light common kinds, 6.00@7.50; choice calves, 16.50@17.00; good, 14.50@15.50; medium grades, 12.50@13.50; common grades, 8.00@10.00; good to choice lambs, 15.00@15.50; good sheep, 5.00@6.00.

Baltimore Livestock

Baltimore, March 23 (AP) (WFA Office of Marketing Service).—CATTLE—Receipts, 50; active, few cleanup deals steady with Thursday; few medium beef cows, 11.50@12.50; outstanding high yielding individual, 13.00; scattered lots cutter and common, 8.50@11.00, few to 11.25; canner, 6.50@8.00, mostly 7.00; good sausage bulls, 13.00; bulk cutter, common and medium, 9.50@12.50.

CALVES—Receipts, 50; active, steady with Thursday; unchanged.

HOGS—Receipts, 250; active, steady with Thursday; unchanged.

SHEEP—Receipts, 25; nominally steady; good and choice wooled lambs quotable 17.50@18.00; common and medium, 12.50@17.00; culls around 10.50; choice lightweight slaughter ewes 8.00 down.

Chicago Livestock

Chicago, March 23 (AP) (WFA).—SALABLE HOGS—Receipts, 500; total, 10,000; active, fully steady; good and choice barrows and gilts 140 lbs. up at 14.75 ceiling; good and choice sows at 14.00; complete clearance.

SALABLE CATTLE—Receipts, 2500, total 2500; salable calves, 500, total 500; generally steady trade on all classes; low-choice 1150-lb. steers topped at 16.75; best yearlings, 16.25; bulk steers and yearlings, 14.50@16.25; choice heifers up to 16.60; most beef cows, 10.50@13.00, with Eastern order buyers active on this class; heavy sausage bulls sold up to 13.50 in load lots; weighty beef bulls to 14.00; vealers firm at 16.50 down.

SALABLE SHEEP—Receipts, 2500; total, 3500; active, steady; three loads good and choice 97-100 lb. fed wooled lambs 16.85 and 17.00, top 17.00 on one load Colorados; load good and choice 87-lb. fed clipped lambs, 15.00, and 2 skins, 15.50; odd lots aged ewes 9.75 down.

Slaying Penalties

Boy, 18, Gets Death in Md.; Another Life

Salisbury, Md., March 23 (AP).—A death sentence and life imprisonment were imposed today upon two Negro brothers for the killing of a Deal Island seafood packer last January 12 at the climax of an outbreak which turned out armed civilians as well as State police on Maryland's lower Eastern Shore.

The three-judge Wicomico County Circuit Court, which heard the case without a jury, sentenced Weldon Jones, jr., 18, to be hanged, and his brother Holbrook, 15, to life imprisonment in the Maryland Penitentiary. The boys lived at Chance, adjoining Deal Island.

I. Raynor Graham, 39, was shot to death and robbed last January 12. The youths also were accused in indictments of assault with intent to kill Kenneth Willing, 16, of Chance, and of assault with intent to rape a 15-year-old girl and a 46-year-old woman storekeeper.

Associate Judge Levin Claude Bailey, in sentencing Weldon of first-degree murder with no recommendation for mercy, said the court decided that Weldon "fired the fatal shot which sent Raynor Graham into the presence of his Maker" with "no motive other than to rob and burglarize."

Two Boys, 16, Get 15 Years For Robbery

Fredericksburg, Va., March 23 (Spl.).—Two 16-year-old Stafford County youths, Herbert Cooper and Lampert Dye, were sentenced to 15 years each in the penitentiary yesterday by Judge Leon M. Bazile when they pleaded guilty to a charge of highway robbery.

Commonwealth's Attorney R. H. L. Chichester, jr., read to the court a statment made by Cooper telling how he and Dye plotted to rob Lal Bumbry, a Negro taxi driver, February 6, in order to get money for Dye's brother, Archie Dye, 19, a sailor, to return to his base from which he was AWOL. Bumbry was robbed of $37 on a lonely road at the point of a gun.

Archie Dye, allegedly with the other two boys at the time, pleaded not guilty and will be tried March 29.

Lampert Dye also received a five-year sentence for the theft of $370, the life savings of Mr. and Mrs. John Ennis, from a box in the Ennis home January 9. Cooper drew a one-year sentence for receiving $150 of the money, knowing it had been stolen.

WPB Head Cites Record Goal in Hagerstown Talk

Hagerstown, Md., March 23 (AP).—J. A. Krug, War Production Board chairman, told warworkers at the Fairchild Aircraft Division that "in 1945 we face the biggest war production program since the start of the war."

Krug spoke at ceremonies honoring employes of the local airplane factory who have made outstanding contributions to war production with time and labor-saving ideas.

Krug declared that in 1945 "65 billion dollars worth of munitions must be secured . . . in addition, there are many new types of military equipment on order and most of these are the harder-to-build types."

He praised the workers for their part in the construction of the C-82, a cargo ship, which, he said, "is due to be an important factor in finishing the Japanese war."

Resigns State Post

Richmond, Va., March 23 (AP).—The resignation of Ralph W. Hilsinger, of Charlottesville, from the State Board of Photographic Examiners was announced yesterday by Governor Darden, who said no successor had been chosen. Holsinger's three-year term would have expired June 20.

Maj. J. T. Samuels Of Orange, Va., Awarded DSC

With the U. S. Forces, France, March 23 (Spl.).—Maj. Joseph T. Samuels, jr. of Orange, Va., recently was presented the Distinguished Service Cross by Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, Front Royal, Va., Seine Section commander, at a ceremony in the courtyard of the Paris Louvre.

The award was made for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy last June, when Major Samuels was a company commander in the Twenty-second Infantry Regiment, Fourth Division. Now a convalescent, Major Samuels is serving with the Staff Judge Advocate Section in Paris.

The citation follows in part:

"When heavy and sustained artillery, machine gun and small arms fire forced Major Samuels' company to halt an advance, the right flank platoon bore the brunt of the shelling and became confused and completely disorganized with the loss of its leader. In an endeavor to move his men forward to avoid heavy casualties, Major Samuels, displayed great personal bravery and conspicuous leadership, moved among his men urging them on and inspiring them with his courage and confidence.

"Advancing to the foremost elements, he moved ahead of his troops and fearlessly led them in a bayonet and hand grenade charge against the enemy and secured the position. . . ."

Va. Crop Acreage Reported Lower

Richmond, Va., March 23 (AP).—The crop reporting service of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture estimates that Virginia's spring-planted crop acreage will be about 1 per cent below the 1944 level and that several of the State's major crops will be from 6 to 8 per cent under last year.

The service said a decrease of 8 per cent in corn acreage is indicated but a general increase is expected in the plantings of all types of tobacco and soybeans.

The prospective corn acreage in the State this year is estimated at 1,262,000 acres, compared with 1,372,000 in 1944.

Gain in Illegal Stills Laid to High Profits

Baltimore, March 23 (AP).—An increase in the number of still seizures in the Fifth Federal District, which includes Maryland, was declared today to be due to the lure of increased profits from the sale of moonshine and the withholding of legally taxed liquor by distillers and rectifiers.

District Supervisor Robert E. Tuttle declared that 386 stills, 17 in Maryland, were seized in the first two months of 1945 in comparison with 288 in a corresponding 1944 period.

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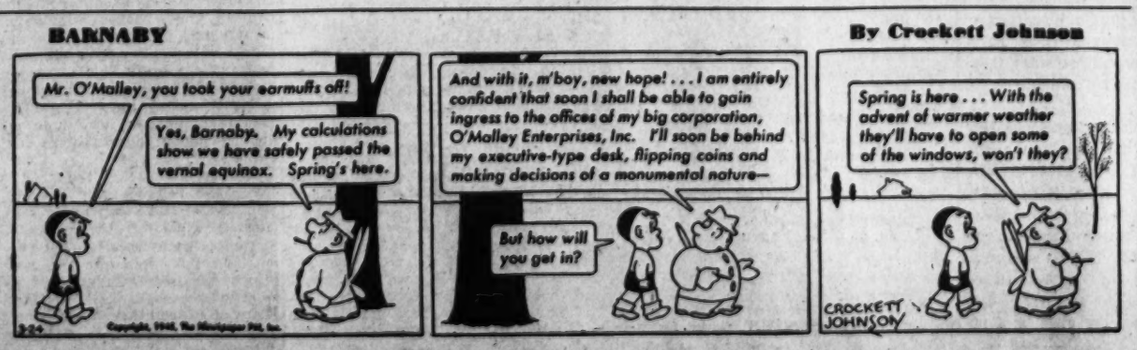
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Mr. O'Malley, you took your earmuffs off!
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By Crockett Johnson
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Legislative Timidity

By various parliamentary devices which allowed for the evasion of a record roll call, the House of Delegates at Annapolis has managed to strangle a bill which would have removed the vestiges of Jim Crow segregation on public conveyances in Maryland. Legislation to repeal the Jim Crow laws in Maryland have been introduced at virtually every session for the past 23 years and as regularly defeated. This year, however, there was a very strong campaign in support of the repeal measure, and many important and influential personages spoke in its favor. There was very little open opposition, except perhaps in the Eastern Shore counties. In the Senate, where the proponents of the repeal bill were strong enough to obtain a record roll call, it was passed by a majority of more than 2 to 1.

The incident in the House provides a curious commentary on the ways of politicians. The delegates who favored, or who think their constituents favor, the continuation of an antiquated and degrading system of segregation, were apparently unwilling to defend their position in open debate, or to attempt to justify what many of them must have known to be irreconcilable with any principle of equality under the law. There is a rather disquieting significance in this reluctance of Legislatures to face issues straightforwardly. But the moral timidity in deferring to race prejudice has its counterpart in the New York State Legislature whose members, fearful of any imputation of race prejudice, recently pretended to believe that prejudice itself can be abolished by legislative fiat. That is, they voted for a measure which many of them felt was fantastic and unenforceable.

The unwillingness of legislative bodies to resist pressure or to defy reprisals is, of course, one of the great weaknesses of democracy. It becomes especially pronounced in times of social dislocation, war or revolution. One recalls the curious defense afterward offered for the conduct of the French Revolution of 1792, which decreed the death of Louis XVI though the majority of its members were morally opposed to it. The convention, said an apologist, acted as it did because the case was deliberated and the vote taken under the menace of the Parisian mob. But the members of the Maryland and New York Legislatures had not quite the same excuse. Their lives were not at stake—only their jobs.

Politics As A Profession

That indefatigable researcher into the private opinions of the public, Dr. George Gallup, has come along with some evidence which seems to him to indicate that "the great majority of people in the American voting population apparently do not think much of politics as a profession." He posed this question to a national sample: "If you had a son would you like to see him go into politics as a life's work when he gets out of school?" Twenty-one per cent of his respondents said "yes;" 68 per cent said "no," and 11 per cent expressed no opinion. Dr. Gallup's inference, we think, is open to rather serious question.

We are doubtful, to begin with, that more than one-fifth of the American voting population would say "yes" to any particular profession proposed as a career for their sons. We'd like to see Dr. Gallup try them out on medicine or teaching or even journalism. So great is the range of opportunity open to young men in America that no single avenue of endeavor is likely to claim more than a minority of adherents. But this could scarcely be interpreted to mean that the public thought ill of these professions.

We suspect, moreover, that what Dr. Gallup has discovered, at worst, is simply that the semantic overtones of the term "politics" carry disagreeable connotations to the American ear. Suppose that in phrasing his question he had substituted for "politics" the word "government" or the more euphemistic phrase "public service." Might he not, in these circumstances, have received a higher percentage of affirmative answers? It is indisputable that in modern usage "politics" commonly suggests artifice or intrigue or even skullduggery.

Apparently this view of the word was in the minds of many of those who answered Dr. Gallup's question negatively. Some gave as a reason for not wanting a son to choose politics as a career that "politics are too crooked, unethical, corrupt;" some complained that there is "not much future in it; better jobs elsewhere." It is unfortunate, of course, that these impressions are widely held. It is even more unfortunate that they are not wholly without validity. We need, and very urgently, to bring the profession of politics back into better repute. For our future as a democracy depends, obviously, on bringing the best of our young men into the management of public affairs. If distrust of a career in public office is not so serious as Dr. Gallup makes it seem, it is at least serious enough to warrant effort in clearing up a misapprehension that strikes at the very root of the democratic process. Politics, after all, is what the public makes it.

The Mayor Regrets

New York's Mayor LaGuardia made a spirited, reasoned and persuasive defense on Thursday evening of a thoroughly indefensible position. He explained, or condoned, his defiance of Justice Byrnes' curfew request on the ground that the city he administers is a special case. The premise is scarcely to be doubted. New York, as the mayor pointed out, "is bigger in population than any State in the Union, except Pennsylvania and Illinois. It is twice the size of Chicago; it is 10 times the size of Boston." Mr. LaGuardia estimates that 100,000 workers change shifts in his community at midnight, that an average of 200,000 transients visit it every weekday evening, that some 300,000 New Yorkers are out for recreation or refreshment around the midnight hour. Moreover, New York has a tradition of gayety and of all-night entertainment. Countless servicemen on furlough, throngs of seamen on shore leave, look to it for surcease from their hard and hazardous routines. It cannot be gainsaid that the enforcement of a 12 o'clock curfew entails peculiar hardships in New York.

But when this has been said, and acknowledged, the stubborn fact remains that Mayor LaGuardia has defied a request in wartime by the director of War Mobilization. No matter whether the request was well or ill considered. No matter that it was marred by veiled threats of extralegal sanctions which amounted to intimidation. No matter even that Mayor LaGuardia was not consulted and that small consideration was given to his special problems. The request, coming as it did from the man charged with responsibility for management of the home front, deserved more respect and cooperation than the Mayor of New York accorded it. Here is a vital defect in the mayor's position. His eloquent apologia left it altogether unanswered.

And there is another important defect which he left quite unexplained. When the curfew request was first made Mr. LaGuardia commendably sought and secured from the city council an ordinance requiring places of entertainment to close at 12 o'clock. When he extended the closing time to 1 a. m. he did so without taking any account of the law or the Legislature. His course was very high-handed indeed, and makes extremely vulnerable his complaint that Justice Byrnes was arbitrary.

Apparently the bulk of New York's night clubs and restaurants do not care to go along with the mayor's intransigeance. Their attitude, as stated by Arthur Garfield Hays, counsel for the Club and Restaurant Association, seems reasonable enough. They are merely, he declared, "asking Washington for one of the first rights of American citizens—the right to a hearing. We think we can prove to the Government that the 12 o'clock curfew in the City of New York is a mistake." Mayor LaGuardia, it seems to us, would have done much better if he had sought such a hearing and attempted such a proof before violating the curfew request.

If other large cities find the curfew less onerous than does New York, this is not to say that it imposes no burden upon them. And almost without exception they have responded to it with good grace. The statements on the subject elicited by the *Baltimore Sun* from a great number of mayors all indicate a readiness to cooperate which does credit to their patriotism. It is a very serious thing to set individual judgment up in opposition to national authority in wartime. The part of good citizenship is to bear with tolerable restraints for the sake of unity. Mayor LaGuardia has put himself into a position very like that of John L. Lewis and Sewell Avery and James Petrillo. It is a category in which he does not naturally belong; we hope that he will divorce himself from such company. His city will gain more in public esteem from compliance than from defiance.

Unified Communications

Chairman Porter of the FCC, testifying before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, asserts that our present system in international communications is inadequate and that unification is a "basic necessity." In other words there should be one system run by one company. He concludes that competition "has forced a wasteful duplication of investment, costs of services and facilities. Competition has required the expenditure of effort and resources of the carriers in their attempts to divert business from one to the other; and competition has, therefore, failed to provide service to the public at the lowest possible charges." Mr. Porter also emphasizes the fact that competing international communications companies are often at a disadvantage when they undertake to enter into agreements with foreign governments.

In our opinion the weight of evidence lies with those who favor a merger of our communications services as conducive to efficiency and essential to the public interest. We have already recognized the fact that competition does not work well in this particular field and the law now permits mergers of telephone companies and domestic telegraph companies with FCC approval. Indeed, as Mr. Porter says, the only field of communications in which a merger is not permitted is the international field.

The problem remains whether to admit the Government to control, and, if so, to what extent. Probably all advocates of merger proposals would admit the necessity of some kind of Government supervision of an international communications system as a means of protecting national interest against private monopolistic aggression. However, Secretary Forrestal's suggestion to put Government officials on the board of a merged company has been sharply criticized, and we think the criticism is well taken.

Chairman Porter considers the proposal unsound and impracticable. He believes—we think rightly—that the public interest would be better protected by "an arm's length relationship." Other procedures, he adds, "can be devised to make certain that considerations of importance to the military are amply protected, and in the field of foreign policy, the State Department can and should be in a position to assist the company without being required to participate on its board." The suggestion, it seems to us, would meet the need. Any private monopoly of the sort contemplated should be under the supervision of a Government agency, empowered to regulate rates, lay down operating standards, etc., but, beyond these restraints, Government control would be unhealthy. The Forrestal suggestion already has raised the alarm lest a type of censorship be introduced that would constitute a threat to the freedom of the press in handling news. That fear should not be lightly dismissed.

As in so many other fields of action, however, a do-nothing policy, inspired by fear of what might happen, provides no solution for the problems that lie ahead. The war has made us keenly conscious of the inadequacies of our international communications methods. Secretary Forrestal has performed a service to the country by giving the critics of the existing system, or lack of it, something at which to shoot, for it is time a program were worked out for a merger which would include a form of Government supervision necessary to protect the Nation's interest.

Loss Of The Saar

The loss of the Saar as a result of the victory won by Generals Patton and Patch brings the end in Germany much nearer. It will be another heavy blow to Germany's already seriously undermined war production. Before the war about 10 per cent of the Reich's coal production came from the Saar, 25 per cent of her pig iron, 20 per cent of her steel. During the war the Saar's output in all these categories was considerably stepped up, though the Saar continued to be far behind the Ruhr and Upper Silesia as an area of industrial importance in the Reich. However, the importance of the Saar to Germany's war economy had become very great indeed as a result of the loss of Upper Silesia to the Russians and the heavy bombing of the Ruhr.

It was not surprising, therefore, that during the first stages of the Allied campaign in the Moselle area the German high command took particular pains to defend the Saar and for months did so with considerable success. They were helped in this particular by the Siegfried Line defenses built before the war to the west of France's Lorraine border. It is symptomatic of Germany's mounting weakness that when Generals Patton and Patch launched their latest attack, German resistance practically collapsed and the Saar was easily outflanked. Now with both Upper Silesia and the Saar lost to her, and with the Ruhr threatened with destruction, Germany's industrial situation has become very parlous indeed.

Whence will come the breakthrough which will take our forces to Berlin? It is difficult to say, because General Eisenhower is apparently using feelers for the softest place, whence to pour through. The sector where the establishment of such bridgeheads is likely to pay the greatest dividends will not be anywhere on the Upper or Central Rhine but along the Lower Rhine. That is why the multiplying signs that the forces under the command of Field Marshal Montgomery are preparing to launch a major offensive are most heartening. The shortest and easiest route to Berlin from the west is along the flat plains east of Holland, and that front now gives promises of stirring into real life.

CRASH LANDING

Tangled in metal suddenly alien and heavy,
He rushes out of the sky.
There is no chart for this. Words are no good now—
Only the hand, the eye,

Only the brain (half terror and half cunning)
Only the dying mind
That will live again if the rudder be responsive,
If the aileron be kind,

If earth he loves will rise and take him gently.
He sees white faces stare
Safe on the lovely land, firm and immortal,
And he in the rocking air.

His fingers grow lost in a world of levers and dials—
He has forgot their names—
There is a scream of iron. He bounces . . . drops
And twists and skids forever and tilts . . . and stops . . .
There are no flames.

And he is again a part of the hills and the flowers,
A part of the fields again;
And, laughing, he clambers out of the cockpit, eager
To grip the hands of men.

JAMES E. WARREN, Jr.

General Eisenhower

By Marquis Childs

Five-Star Portrait

Supreme Headquarters,
Allied Expeditionary Force.

THE MAN on whom falls the heaviest responsibility for the conduct of the war in Europe, with its myriad complications, is Gen. Dwight David Eisenhower.

From the farthest position on the front line, the chain of command runs back to this man's desk in a quiet, unlettered office. Various problems requiring decisions are filtered out as they pass back, so that only the most momentous questions finally reach the 54-year-old five-star general. The weight of his responsibility has aged him visibly in the nearly three years he has carried it, first in Africa, then in Italy, and now in France and Germany.

When subordinates put a knotty question up to him, he has a habit of hesitating a moment and biting his lower lip in concentration. "Now, I'm not trying to buck your question," he says. And then, when he has thought it out, he gives his answer.

Inevitably, a certain remoteness surrounds this man. His concentration on the objective before him is necessarily so intense. Not because he wanted to, since he is by nature a friendly human being, but because it seemed the only choice, he has cut himself off from all social life. This includes military banqueting, which is part of the function of higher officers in a foreign country, as well as mingling with the rich and aristocratic French, who court some high-ranking American officers.

EISENHOWER'S FOREHEAD is more lined than it was three years ago. He is perhaps more bald, with only graying wisps of sandy hair on the top of his high-domed head. His expression is ordinarily serious and preoccupied except when a warm smile lights his face.

The impression he makes on most visitors is one of solid, almost solemn integrity. It is in the way he sits, with his massive hands locked together on the desk before him. It is in the way he speaks about the course of the war.

It is not that he is formal or pompous. Far from it. Even at his rare, off-the-record press conferences in a room packed with the several hundred correspondents accredited to SHAEF, he has an air of easy informality. There is no fuss anad feathers about his headquarters.

He can be mild and friendly, but he also can be stern. Once, when he was living in the apple orchards of Normandy, a United States labor union delegation came to see him. They began to talk about reconversion. Mild-mannered General Ike let them have it. He told them in no uncertain terms that, as he saw it, their duty was to stop talking about reconversion and stay on the job until it was finished.

Eisenhower has tried to fix a firm policy that there shall be no censorship of criticism of operations in his theater. Yet he bitterly resented the criticism of Allied policy toward the civilian population in Sicily, since he thought that, under the circumstances, the attacks were unfair.

Likewise, he resented the criticism of the "Darlan deal" that followed the North African invasion. He feels that this, too, was unfair in the light of circumstances which made some such negotiations necessary.

Yet he has never tried to stop correspondents from sending critical dispatches even though he believed the criticism to be unjust. His record on this score is clear.

ONE OF THE supreme commander's continuing concerns is for the millions of GIs under his command. He is constantly trying to break through the remoteness of his job, which puts him at the top of a pyramid, in order to get down to the hopes and fears of the plain Joes who are fighting the war.

It is a subject he takes up frequently with his commanders. And when cases involving serious insubordination finally come to him for review, he gives them long and painstaking study.

Another continuing preoccupation is over our relationship with our Allies in fighting the war. From the very first days of the Joint Command, he has held to a policy of true cooperation, and he has sometimes dealt sternly with officers who insisted on fighting a unilateral war. As a result, close personal relationships have grown up. There is a warm friendship, for instance, between General Ike and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur W. Tedder.

But the major decisions must be made by the man at the top. Often he is torn between his humaneness, which is very real, and the stern realities of a situation. Many demands are made on him to attack here or there where civilian suffering is great under crushing German enslavement. This man must say yes or no—and he must say no far more often than yes.

That responsibility is reflected in his deeply shadowed eyes, which look out at the vast panorama of the war he directs.

Enough To Share

I heard that America is going to have to stop sending meat to England or we won't have enough for ourselves. I hope I heard wrong.

I know that the meat counters are "empty," but we still aren't "hungry." For four years the British have been. N. L. W.

Washington, D. C., March 20.

Defeat And Beyond

By Barnet Nover

Will Himmler Wage Guerilla War?

AS THE SHADOW of defeat spreads across the length and breadth of the Reich the belief grows that the end of organized resistance will not necessarily mean the end of fighting in Germany.

The die-hard Nazis, it is said, have no intention of giving up no matter how hopeless Germany's military situation may become. They will fight as long as they can in central Germany. When that is lost they intend to retreat south into the mountains of Bavaria and Austria and with arms, ammunition and supplies previously cached there wage guerilla war against the Allied armies of occupation.

That is the theory and it is a theory which has very respectable backing. For instance, the very able British military expert who writes under the name of "Veritas" declares, in his latest commentary:

"I still adhere to the view that the all-powerful Himmler with Goebbels and his other satellites (Hitler himself now being completely negligible, except as a symbol) plan a prolonged resistance in the mountainous south with protective bastions in northern Italy, Yugoslavia and Hungary."

THIS MAY very well be so. It is one thing to plan such resistance, however; it is quite another thing to carry out such a plan.

In view of what has already happened, there is no longer any reason to doubt that the fanatical Nazis do plan to fight to the bitter end.

They, personally, have nothing to lose by such a course. There is no escape for them through surrender, as there is for a great many other Germans. It would thus have been surprising if the die-hard Nazis had not been making plans against the day of Germany's military defeat.

Indeed, the hope of gaining time in which to build a guerilla bastion in the south helps explain some otherwise inexplicable aspects of Germany's strategy during the past year.

There is the curious circumstance, for instance, that at a time when the German armies on the Western Front were so desperately undermanned, 26 German divisions were still being retained on the secondary Italian front.

To be sure one reason for that may very well have been the desire to make use of the productive capacity of northern Italy. But in holding on to Milan and Turin the German military machine lacked the manpower to retain the Saar and the industries of the western Rhineland and in losing them also, in effect, lost the Ruhr.

It is also strange that at a time when the menace of Berlin was mounting from the direction of the Red armies on the Oder, a large and powerful force was still being retained in Hungary.

THE IMPRESSION which this curious dispersion of German strength has left on many people is that the Nazis are primarily interested at the moment not in the defense of Germany as a whole, for they lack the strength to defend the whole of it, but the defense of the inner bastion in the south and the approaches to that bastion.

Yet, once organized military resistance in central Germany has collapsed, the armies which the Nazis have been retaining in Italy and Hungary will be confronted by overwhelming Allied power capable of crushing them like so many eggshells.

When that happens, the road to Vienna and to Munich will be wide open to Allied armies and the remnants of Hitler's once impressive Wehrmacht will find themselves between the jaws of a powerful vise.

How much guerilla activity these Nazi remnants will be able to carry on from that point forward is problematical. The odds are that it will be far less than many now imagine.

IF THERE IS one thing which this war has brought out it is that in a country which is in the grip of a powerful army of occupation guerilla bands are more of a nuisance than a menace.

That was true even in such countries as France, where the guerillas—the Maquis—were numerous, well organized and capable of being supplied from the outside. It was even more the case elsewhere. It was only when armies of liberation began to hammer at the gates of the lands the Nazis had conquered that the guerillas were really able to do an effective job.

THE NAZI GUERILLAS will lack that outside support. The supplies they have succeeded in hiding—and it is problematical how much they have cached in the mountains of Bavaria and Austria—will be practically all the supplies they will ever be able to draw on.

Furthermore, it is questionabe whether they will be able to secure the effective cooperation of the civilian population. Once a large part of Germany has been occupied, the campaign of fear which Goebbels has so persistently waged and which did succeed in persuading a lot of Germans that defeat would mean their annihilation would lose its potency. The Germans, even in the regions still held by the Nazis, would learn that Goebbels was lying.

It all adds up to this: To achieve the defeat of Germany we must first destroy her military power. To the extent that that is done thoroughly and completely, to that extent will Germany be pacified. We shall be able to take care of any Nazi guerilla activity without too much trouble.

Letters To The Editor

Communications must carry writer's name and address, though pen names are permitted at the editor's discretion. Letters should be held to not more than 200 words. They are subject to condensation.

Postal Service Bill

In a few days the House Postoffice Committee will study a new bill, H. R. 2071, to reclassify salaries of postal employes, and later the House and Senate will vote on the bill.

Postal employes are still on a 1925 salary (20 years back); and while Congress in 1943 gave the employes a $300 bonus until June 30, 1945, this $300 is all used to cover the 20 per cent payroll deduction the past year and the employe gets only the 1925 salary with the high cost of living added. This bill makes a $100-a-year increase for each employe, if and when it passes, and the Congress in appreciation of the efficient service the older employes have given is making the bill better this year to improve the conditions of the employes.

As the fate of every postal employe is in the hands of Congress, to take what it gives, we have no labor organization that can help us like the coal miner, the newspapers, radio, and business heads to show Congress that we are justified in having more pay to meet the high cost of living and to keep the high type of efficient mail dispatchers and distributors that the service requires. D. L. CLARKE,
President, P. O. Employes Association.

Bristol, Va., March 19.

On Lending

Having had friends and relatives in Greece, I have reason to believe that Marquis Childs' recent portrayal offers the best summary of political conditions over there. The estimate he reported for the cost of "restoring Greek economy," however, draws attention to the Bretton Woods proposals for an international lending agency by means of a bank plus a monetary fund. Were I any kind of lender, I should certainly not lend money without interest, upon the general idea that the loan would do me good, or upon some nation's IOU only!

History shows that the peoples that have rebuilt their own resources are the most resourceful! After the Civil War, the devastated Southern States received not only no help but were for the next decade persistently plundered by so-called "reconstruction" regimes. By way of contrast, after World War I, we semiofficially helped Germany to upbuild a Fascist state while unofficially helping France to a Communist front

One may, of course, be open to the concept that the inherent dangers of an unsound or unorthodox monetary system would be offset—for a time—by freer international trade; but what will happen should American labor object to competition with foreign "low-living levels"? Again, if the Bretton loans, as proposed, are wasted by unstable governments, or if collection by force is invoked, the development of the Dumbarton Oaks start toward world peace may actually be jeopardized by the dubious workings of the Bretton Woods so-called "implementation."

M. P. ANDREWS.

Baltimore, Md., March 17.

Sulpha Drugs

How many people are going to have to die, or be made seriously ill, before something is done to regulate the use of sulpha drugs?

I was given medicine by a reputable physician without being told it was a sulpha compound. The second day after taking it I was so weak I could not get out of bed. On calling this doctor I was not allowed to talk with him, as he was "too busy." The next day upon my insistance I was allowed to speak with him, but was still not told that he had given me sulpha drugs. I then called the druggist, who looked up the prescription and told me it was a sulpha compound. I had taken only one fourth of the number of tablets given me on the prescription. Had I taken all, I wonder what the consequences would have been.

It should be made compulsory for druggists to stamp "sulpha" on every such prescription filled and compulsory for doctors to tell their patients what to watch for if the drug has an ill effect. There is no doubt that some people cannot take sulpha drugs and that some people can, under some conditions, and not, under others.

In any case the general public should be warned always to take soda and to drink quantities of water when being dosed by this "miracle" drug.

ANOTHER GUINEA PIG.

Washington, D. C., March 15.

Romania's Future

By Paul Winkler

Yalta's Intention

IN EXAMINING the question of whether or not Russia has actually applied her influence in Romania in accordance with the expressed intention of the Yalta communique to establish in the liberated countries "interim governmental authorities broadly representative of the population," it is instructive to consider what has happened in Transylvania. The developments in this territory may have had a great deal to do with the Russian decision to support a new Romanian cabinet composed of members of the extereme left National Democratic Front, with virtual exclusion of the country's two largest prewar parties, the National Peasants and the National Liberals.

The area in question is northwestern Transylvania, a district of mixed population long in dispute between Romania and Hungary, ever since the peace treaties which followed World War I gave it to the former. Hitler, by a verdict pronounced in Vienna, deprived Romania of it and handed it over to satisfy the claims of Hungarian irredentists. But when Russia made an armistice with Romania, she told the Romanians that they could have it back if they took it. In other words, Romanian troops had to perform services on the Allied side if they wanted to regain this territory. It would not be granted to them just because they were the first to surrender.

Romanian troops did indeed turn against the Hungarians and fight in Transylvania. As a result, Russia allowed the territory to be returned to Romanian control. Few details of what went on in Transylvania after it was taken over by the Romanians pierced the censorship; but it became evident that Russia was not contented with the fashion in which Romania was discharging her renewed stewardship over Transylvania when Russian General Vinogradov published in a Romanian publication an article warning Romanians that they were expected to treat the Hungarian and Szekely peasants there as brothers, not as enemies. Finally Russia took control of Transylvania away from the Bucharest government because of the mistreatment there of local minorities.

Now that a new cabinet has been formed, the government of Transylvania has been returned to it. Following this action, the new Romanian ministry made a statement over the radio which explained what had been going on in Transylvania, which, it must be assumed, is accurate, since it is unlikely that any Romanian government, whatever its political constitution, would assert that there had been mistreatment of other nationalities by Romanians unless that were the fact. According to this official Romanian announcement, armed Romanian bands had entered Transylvania in October and November. "Blood was shed. Villages were burned. Racial terror, barbarous deeds, racial discrimination alien to the soul of our nation were instituted with the force of bullets and bayonets."

The new regime is taking steps to put an end to all excesses of this kind. It is also organizing a thorough purge of all fascistic or corrupt elements in the administrative services which the post-armistice governments failed to do.

Finally, it is caarrying out a program of agrarian reform, expropriating all land in excess of 125 acres and dividing it among the starving peasantry.

By such measures it is to be hoped that the new government will succeed in ending some of the unenviable distinctions hitherto possessed by Romania, such as that of having the highest infant mortality rate in Europe, or that of maintaining an impressive percentage of illiteracy.

The new Romanian government consists mainly of men on the extreme left wing. The question might be asked: "Is their primary motive the accomplishment of indispensable social reforms and the handling of minorities in a new spirit, or is it simply that of instituting in Romania a regime more closely akin to that of Russia?"

It is probable that the dividing of land among the peasants will have to be followed by the organization of closely knit cooperatives in order that the new owners, who are without machinery, farm animals or credit for the purchase of seed, etc., may be able to exploit their land. The necessity of such tactics has already been demonstrated in Romania, where a prewar attempt at agrarian reform was defeated by the fact that peasant landholders were unable to find the means of working their land and were obliged to sell it back to the former big landholders and resume the status of peons. Whether the resulting system is described by the term of communism or something else will not be the real point. That will be: "Have the democracies any other solution for the salvation of a country, the majority of whose population has been kept hitherto in a state of misery and illiteracy?"

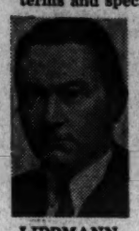
What has proved true in Romania is and will be true elsewhere in Europe: if the democracies wish to forestall communism or something approaching it, they must be ready with alternative solutions. It is when the democratic leaders fail to do what has to be done that the way is left open for communism to step in instead and use surgery to cure conditions which might have been remedied earlier by preventive medicine.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

The Economic Treatment of Germany

ALLIED POLICY on Germany's economic future has not yet been worked out in concrete terms and specific measures. But on the principles of the policy there now appears to be substantial agreement, and enough is known about them, or can be inferred, to give us a fairly good idea of how the Allies mean to approach the German economic situation. We may say that, as their policy begins to take shape, punishment and reparations are no longer the paramount objectives but are becoming subordinate means for promoting the economic reconstruction of Europe.



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The condition of Germany as a result of the war, and of Allied decisions that have been taken and announced, will be such that the Allied military government cannot work unless its over-all guiding purpose is to have Germany become a fit and useful part of the economy of Europe.

BUT IT WILL necessarily be a radically different Germany. How different we can best see if we suppose, just for the sake of clarifying the situation, that the only conditions imposed on Germany were total military disarmament and the confiscation of German assets abroad. Germany would then begin with her industrial cities and her transportation system in a state of fearful devastation, and her stockpiles of raw materials exhausted, her arsenals including her whole aircraft industry dismantled, and her equipment for making synthetic oil, synthetic rubber, and metals like aluminum, removed. Germany within herself would lack the means to restore her former industrial system. She would need imports which she could not pay for, having lost her foreign assets, unless she could export. And she could not export unless she first obtained imports to work up into manufactures. But this would require Allied credits, which will not, so the Allies have decided, be granted for a period of perhaps 10 years.

It follows that the German industrial system cannot be restored but must be drastically altered.

HERE REPARATIONS come into play. The total which the Allies will be able to demand must necessarily be surprisingly small, perhaps disappointingly small to the victims of German aggression. But the total cannot possibly be so large as in justice it ought to be. For a thorough disarmament of Germany's military economy on top of the physical devastation must, as we have already seen, reduce drastically Germany's capacity to produce the kind of manufactures which Germany has hitherto exported to the rest of Europe.

The fact that the Allies have decided to ask only for reparation in kind, which would include labor, will be an additional compulsion to change the character of the German economy. One form of reparation in kind will be the delivery of capital assets, for example machine tools, to the factories of devastated Europe. Thus the effect of reparations of this kind will be to reduce certain types of production inside Germany and to build up production of these types in the other countries. And no doubt it will be the deliberate policy of the Allies to protect these "infant" industries outside Germany by measures to prevent German competition. Moreover, it would seem most likely that reparations, not alone out of existing capital assets but out of future production, will be of a kind which promote the development in Germany of the lighter industries, which would then be dependent upon the heavier industries outside.

THE FUNDAMENTAL DECISION which the Allies had to make was this: the German economy will have been devastated and shattered. The Germans will be even less able this time than they were in 1919 to restore it. Shall we restore it by our credits as we did in the Twenties in order to make Germany productive enough to export reparations? Or shall we this time take as our objective the industrial development of the rest of Europe, and so compel and induce Germany to develop an economic system which is a useful but not an industrially dominating part of the European economy?

If I understand the evolution of Allied policy, it is the second solution which is being adopted. Their object is not to tear down Germany. Germany will have been torn down by the war. Their object is to build up Europe before they build up Germany again, so that Europe shall not again be economically dependent upon Germany. Then since Germany cannot be built up again as she was unless we deliberately finance her—which we shall not do—and since Europe will still need Germany but not the old Germany, the Germans will be given the opportunity, and no doubt assistance, in building up a different Germany.

NO ONE need argue that the Germans cannot live if their old economy is not restored. They have lived better than most Europeans while at least half their industrial power was dedicated to war. Nor can one argue that Europe cannot live without the old German economy when half of its product went not to support the life of Europe but to war. If Germany is to be demilitarized, then that half of German economic energy which was dedicated to war has to be dedicated to something else, and this means in itself a radical reorganization of the German system.

Nor can it be argued that the Allies are proposing to enslave or exploit the German people. As a matter of fact the Allies are agreed that the maintenance of a certain standard of life in Germany comes ahead of all reparations, and this standard of life is in principle the same as that which they have sought to maintain in the occupied countries during the first phase of liberation.

Yet the condition of the German people will, no doubt, be desperately bad for some years to come. But this condition will not be caused by the terms which the Allies mean to impose. It will be the result of the war and of the tremendous dislocation which must result when a nation which has been totally militarized is thoroughly demilitarized.

Off the Record

By Ed Reed

"Brown out or no brown out—you're not putting my name up in burned out light bulbs!"

Only 170 B-29s Lost to Date, Army Reports

By George Connery

Twenty per cent of Tokyo's war production was knocked out for at least three months and 1,200,000 of her workers left homeless by the March 9 incendiary raid on the Jap capital, Brig. Gen. Lauris Norstad, chief of staff for the Twentieth Air Force, disclosed yesterday.

He also announced that 170 B-29s have been lost) 84 in combat and 86 operationally, since they went into action last June.

The blond, young deputy chief of the Superfortress command brought the B-29 records up to date at a news conference at the Pentagon.

Still in Initial Stage

The B-29 campaign, he emphasized, is just getting under way. "It is certainly an initial stage," he said. "This is no longer preparatory or experimental, but certainly initial." Operational losses and other earlier difficulties are so well under control now that attacks can be stepped up rapidly, he said. He coupled this with a warning that "if fleets of thousands of B-29s are needed to do the job, there will be fleets of thousands of B-29s."

Damage done in the great fire raids on Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe has not been analyzed in detail, but Norstad listed these additional results of the Tokyo attack:

Five per cent of the city's war-production facilities put out of operation for a full year.

Between 200,000 and 250,000 buildings destroyed.

Industrial Areas in Ashes

Highly industrialized areas totaling 1,369,000 square feet "leveled to ashes."

Direct production loss in factories of 1,012,000 man-months, not including cost of rebuilding or restoring essential civilian services.

Destruction of 24 large plants, extensive damage to 12 and moderate damage to 6.

Special targets destroyed included 2 petroleum plants, 1 shipbuilding yard, 11 civilian production factories, 2 freight yards, 2 public utilities and 1 government building. In addition, a varying amount of damage was done to other targets.

Similar Damage Indicated

Industrial concentrations within Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe are comparable to those attacked in Tokyo, leading the AAF to anticipate a similar damage chart for each. Two ttacks on Nagoya destroyed 2.15 square miles, while 8.3 square miles in Osaka and 2.4 in Kobe were laid waste by one raid on each.

Referring to the five missions, Norstad declared: "It is very doubtful that such a high cost previously has been inflicted on any people in an eight-day period."

Senate Vote On Williams

Here is the vote by which the Senate yesterday refused confirmation of Aubrey Williams' nomination as rural electrification administrator:

FOR CONFIRMATION—(36)

DEMOCRATS FOR—(31)

BARKLEY	MAGNUSON
BRIGGS	MAYBANK
CHAVEZ	McFARLAND
DOWNEY	McMAHON
ELLENDER	MEAD
GREEN	MITCHELL
GUFFEY	MURDOCK
HATCH	MURRAY
HAYDEN	O'MAHONEY
HILL	PEPPER
HOEY	TAYLOR
JOHNSON (Colo.)	THOMAS (Okla.)
JOHNSTON(S.C.)	THOMAS (Utah)
KILGORE	TUNNELL
LUCAS	WAGNER
	WHEELER

REPUBLICANS FOR—(4)

AIKEN	MORSE
LANGER	YOUNG

PROGRESSIVES FOR—(1)

LA FOLLETTE

AGAINST CONFIRMATION—(52)

DEMOCRATS AGAINST—(19)

BAILEY	GERRY
BANKHEAD	McCARRAN
BILBO	McCLELLAN
BYRD	McKELLAR
CHANDLER	O'DANIEL
CONNALLY	OVERTON
EASTLAND	RADCLIFFE
FULBRIGHT	RUSSELL
GEORGE	STEWART
	TYDINGS

REPUBLICANS AGAINST—(33)

AUSTIN	JOHNSON(Calif.)
BALL	HAWKES
BREWSTER	MILLIKIN
BRIDGES	MOORE
BROOKS	REED
BUCK	REVERCOMB
BURTON	ROBERTSON
BUSHFIELD	SALTONSTALL
CAPEHART	SHIPSTEAD
CAPPER	SMITH
CORDON	TAFT
DONNELL	VANDENBERG
FERGUSON	WHERRY
GURNEY	WHITE
HART	WILEY
HICKENLOOP'R	WILLIS
	WILSON

The following pairs were announced:

Tobey, Republican, for and Butler, Republican, against. Andrews, Democrat, for and Thomas (Idaho) Republican, against. Not voting but announced as favoring confirmation: Myers, Democrat.

Officer's Gunshot Death Is Listed as Suicide

Fort George G. Meade, Md., March 23 (AP).—Capt. Samuel J. Hanshaw, aide to the commander at Fort Meade, said today the death of Second Lieut. Alphonzo C. Reynolds, 30, who died of a gunshot wound Tuesday was listed as suicide by the investigating officer, Lieut. Col. Lucien Abraham.

Lieutenant Reynolds, a former Asheville, N. C., school teacher, was found in the men's room at the camp with a bullet wound in his head, his pistol nearby. Captain Hanshaw added that the investigation had been completed, and that nothing was left to indicate a motive.

House Passes Draft Measure In 5 Minutes

A one-year draft law extension bill was sped through the House yesterday in less than 5 minutes.

Army spokesmen had urged that the draft machinery be kept intact, and there was no debate—only a brief explanation of the 11-line bill by Chairman May (D., Ky.), of the military committee.

There was not even a vote, passage coming under procedure by which a single objection could have delayed consideration. But the absence of an objection automatically passed the bill.

Amendments Implemented

The legislation continues in operation until not later than May 15, 1946, the selective training and service act of 1940 and the implementing amendments approved since then.

Should the war on all fronts be over before May 15, 1946, the draft law would be dead. Should war still be raging at that time, an additional extension would have to eb considered.

Prompt Senate consideration of the bill was expected by Administration leaders. They succeeded in keeping out of the House-approved bill all retsrictive amendments, although various ones had been advocated by many members.

Changes Still Possible

The suggested amendments—which still may be considered as separate legislation later—would have required a stated period of training for new inductees before they were sent into combat and would have injected some home-front manpower controls into the bill.

Backers of the proposed changes withdrew them after spokesmen for the Army told the military committee an unrestricted extension of the draft law was vital to successful prosecution of the war.

The Army, they told the committee, does not intend to send untrained anad unqualified men of any age into combat but believes its present training system, which frequently sends a man into the front lines five months after induction, is a sound one.

House Members To Get 2-Week Easter Vacation

Members of the House received permission yesterday to take an Easter vacation.

Majority Leader McCormack (D., Mass.) said that while an official recess will not be taken, no legislative business will be transacted from March 28 to April 10.

Sessions will be held every three days during this period but only non-controversial matters will be considered.

Senators will have to keep working. Majority Leader Barkley (D., Ky.) has announced that regular sessions will continue, with the proposed Mexico-United States water treaty due for consideration.

Argentina Still Studying United Nations Affiliatio

Buenos Aires, March 23 (AP).—Cesar Ameghino, acting foreign minister, said today there had been general agreement but no definite decision at a cabinet meeting called to determine whether Argentina could qualify for membership in the United Nations. The cabinet will meet again Monday.

Reports have persisted that Argentina would declare war on the Axis or take other measures in response to the invitation of the Mexico City conference of American foreign ministers that would enable her to rejoin the American family of nations.

J. Holmes Davis Appointed to WLB

The White House announced the appointment of J. Holmes Davis, chairman of the board of Spofford Mills, Inc., as an industry member of the War Labor Board.

Two alternate industry members also were appointed. They are Vincent P. Ahern, secretary of the National Sand and Gravel Association, and Clarence O. Skinner, manufacturer of automobile and airplane parts.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

BETWEEN BRITISH OPERATIONS in Greece and Russian operations in Poland, patient, idealistic former Governor Lehman, head of UNRRA, is having serious difficulties. Though Poland probably has suffered more than any other country, UNRRA has only just been able to start workers and relief toward that war-torn country.

It was last summer that the Lublin government asked that UNRRA send a mssion to help Poland. Governor Lehman's office immediately drafted a reply. But the U. S. Office of Censorship stepped in and said that the reply could not be sent to the Lublin government by uncoded radio because it involved information regarding the movement of supply ships and personnel.

Whereupon Governor Lehman's office asked the State Department to send the message in code to the American Embassy in Moscow, which in turn was to ask the Russian Foreign Office to deliver the message to the Lublin Poles.

The State Department and the embassy in Moscow were glad to comply and the message was passed on to the Soviet Foreign Office. Several weeks passed, and Governor Lehman assumed that the message had been delivered.

Then, suddenly, the Soviet Foreign Office, in rather an aggrieved manner, returned the message saying that it could not deliver it to the Lublin government. The Lublin Poles, it was explained, were a separate government and no part of Moscow. Therefore, the Soviets said, Governor Lehman should communicate with them direct.

Moscow Says No

THIS, OF COURSE, was exactly what Governor Lehman had tried to do, but had been barred by the United States censor.

In the interim, Lehman had troubles with Moscow regarding the question of sending UNRRA workers into Poland to distribute supplies. To try to iron out these difficulties, Lehman proposed going personally to Moscow to confer with Stalin. For a time he thought this was all set.

Then, suddenly, at the Montreal UNRRA conference last fall, Soviet Delegate Vasili Sergeev got up and announced bluntly and publicly that Lehman couldn't go to Moscow.

Under UNRRA rules, its own international workers must distribute relief in each country and nationals of that country are not to be in charge. However, the Russians have been suspicious that UNRRA workers were disguised intelligence agents, and their suspicions were heightened by the way Col. L. F. R. Shepherd operated for British intelligence in Greece under the guise of an UNRRA worker.

Despite rebuffs, Governor Lehman kept on patiently pushing aid for Poland and now his efforts have succeeded. Since the Yalta conference ironed out the status of the Lublin Poles, Russia has consented to have UNRRA workers go to Poland, and supply ships have already departed.

Who's A Liar?

SENATOR BUSHFIELD, South Dakota Republican, recently rose on the Senate floor and called this columnist various brands of liar because he reported that the duPonts, the Mellons and the Pews of Pennsylvania had contributed heavily to the Senator's 1940 election campaign.

If the Senator wanted to indulge in name-calling (incidentally he wasn't very original in his epithets), he might also have included GOP Treasurer W. H. Burke of Pierre, S. Dak., who filed a sworn statement on campaign contributions with the Secretary of State of South Dakota.

They included: Lamott duPont, $4000; Irenee duPont, $2500; Alfred Sloan, $2500; Donald Brown (duPont), $2000; Ailsa Mellon, $5000; Sarah Mellon Scaife, $4000; Colonel McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, $5000; Mary Ethel Pew, $1000; Earle Halliburton (Pew), $5000; Joseph Pew, $1000, Mabel Pew Myrin, $1000.

Commenting on these generous gifts from folks who lived a long way from South Dakota, Senator Bushfield gratefully said (Congressional Record, page 5849, June 12, 1943):

"We are tremendously inspired that we have a Government in this country which permits individual Americans to accumulate and make enough money so that they can give this sort of contribution to their friends throughout the country."

Wonder what is Senator Bushfield's definition of a liar?

Paratrooper Protection

IT HAS NOW BEEN EXACTLY one year since this column revealed that American and British airborne paratroopers had been shot down by Allied naval gunners on the second night of the Sicily invasion. In making this disclosure it was also revealed that transport planes carrying United States paratroopers were not equipped with self-sealing gasoline tanks.

This meant that a bullet entering the gasoline tank could easily cause the plane to catch fire and the paratroopers inside would find themselves in a blazing cage without the remotest chance of jumping to safety. As a matter of fact, this was the way many of the paratroopers over Sicily were killed.

Immediately after the Sicilian disaster, a board of inquiry was appointed, and one recommendation was that self-sealing gas tanks be used on all troop-carrying transports in the future. Simultaneously, Maj. Gen. P. L. Williams recommended self-sealing tanks, also Col. Ralph Bagby, chief of staff for Airborne Infantry, and Brig. Gen. Mike Dunn, who participated in the Sicilian campaign.

However, nine months passed after the Sicilian disaster and nothing happened. The War Department in Washington stood still. Finally, Lieut. Col. Felix duPont, a member of the duPont family, and Lieut. Col. David Laux went over the heads of their superiors direct to Gen. Hap Arnold, who wrote an order that self-sealing tanks be installed in troop-carrying planes.

But before more than about 75 tanks could be installed in planes, Gen. Barney Giles, chief of staff to Arnold, blocked the order.

Senator Kilgore Kicks

AT ABOUT THIS TIME, hard-hitting Senator Kilgore of West Virginia, who has done more to protect the G. I. Joe than almost anyone else in Congress, wrote a letter to Secretary of War Stimson demanding that paratroopers get every possible protection, including self-sealing tanks.

Stimson, after some delay, replied that this protection was not needed. He turned down Kilgore's demand cold. As a result, paratroopers landing in Normandy did so at great risk.

Sequel to this long story of delay, argument and internal jealousy, is that the Washington brass-hats have now belatedly come around to the viewpoint of the men in the field and of Senator Kilgore. It has now been one year since the matter was publicized in this column, and a year and a half since the Sicilian tragedy. Finally the Army has ordered self-sealing gasoline tanks on all troop-carrying planes—though it will still take some time to install them.

Pearl Harbor Hurts Avenged By Tennessee

The 25-year-old battleship Tennessee has had its revenge many times over for the bruises the Japanese inflicted at Pearl Harbor.

The Navy, disclosing the battle record of the Tennessee last night, revealed that the 33,000-ton craft had steamed well over 100,000 miles in the Pacific and had taken part in landings from Kiska to Iwo Jima.

Though the Tennessee gave a lot more than it took, it didn't escape unscathed. When it bombarded Kavieng, New Ireland, a year ago, fragments from shells fired by enemy shore batteries landed on board. At Saipan, the ship was struck by three shells from a shore battery on nearby Tinian and 8 men were killed and 24 others wounded.

Not Too Badly Hurt

The Tennessee wasn't too badly hurt at Pearl Harbor. One bomb exploded on a gun turret and another penetrated a second turret without exploding. The ship's guns downed four Japanese planes that day.

By June, 1942, the Tennessee had been repaired and reconditioned and sailed for Aleutian waters. Its first offensive action came early in August, 1943, when it helped soften up Kiska preparatory to its recapture. Again in mid-August, the Tennessee bombarded Kiska and supported the landings.

Occupied Key Position

She occupied a key position in supporting the Infantry landings at Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, Guam and the Palaus. Generally, she was about three-fourths of a mile off the reefs or about a mile and a half from the shore line when she lobbed in 14-inch shells.

During the Philippine campaign the Tennessee furnished gunfire support for the landings on Leyte and several days later formed part of the force that destroyed two Japanese battleships, two cruisers and four destroyers in Surigao Strait.

Most recent skipper of the Tennessee was Capt. John B. Heffernan, Washington, Ind. Previously, skippers were Capt. Andrew D. Mayer of Maple Lake, Minn., and Capt. Charles E. Reordan of Dallas, Tex.

LEONARD LYONS

Broadway Glossary

New York, March 23.—PROTECTION: Lenore Corbett sat next to Winston Churchill at a dinner party in London. The Prime Minister told her: "What long nails you have, Miss Corbett." . . . "Well, Mr. Prime Minister," replied the British star, studying her hands, "you have a bodyguard. This is all I have."

Leon Henderson

MUSIC: Kent Cooper, head of the Associated Press, was dancing with a lady at Boca Raton, Fla., last week. The lady complained about the slow, sentimental tune which the orchestra was playing. "Why don't they play something lively?" she said. "Who wants to dance this?" . . . "I do," said newspaperman-song-writer Kent Cooper. "I wrote it."

LAMENT: Leon Henderson's daughter, Bebe, was disturbed at the news that her father, who recently returned from Europe, was planning to leave for China. Although Mr. Henderson's wanderings no longer are surprising to his family, the girl was disconsolate at the thought that this time her father is traveling further than he ever traveled before. . . . "Don't worry, child," Mrs. Henderson assured her, "he'll come back safely . . ." "Oh, mother, you wouldn't understand," replied Bebe Henderson, "You're not a Henderson."

AMITY: When Dr. Malcolm Sargent, the Londan Philharmonic conductor, was attaining his first recognition he was invited to spend a week at the house of an elderly lady who sponsored many cultural activities. Her house was a large one, and when Dr. Sargent arrived one of the servants told him that the hostess had been called away—that nevertheless, he was to stay there for the week, and come and go as he please. On the last day Dr. Sargent came down to breakfast he noticed a strange lady at the breakfast table—Ruth Draper. She too, had been there for a week, but they never had met . . . When Dr. Sargent was recently introduced to Miss Draper over here, he said: "But of course we know each other. We once lived together for a whole week."

ENTERPRISE: Eddie Cook, head of the Century Lighting Co., who for many years has been doing the lighting for most of the Broadway plays, is spreading his activities to the international field. Cook, who has spotlighted the faces of the Broadway stars, has been asigned by the State Department to do the lighting of the diplomats at the United Nations conference in San Francisco.

TAXES: Dr. Leo C. Rosten, author of "Hollywood: The Movie Colony, the Movie Makers," never dreamed that Hollywood was like this: On March 13 he filed his estimated tax return, based on net income of $11,000 for the first three months of the year. Three days later he received $40,000 from Twentieth Century-Fox for the movie rights to his original "The Dark Corner," and $15,000 for the serialization rights from Good Housekeeping. The next quarterly return therefore will enclose a $20,000 check for taxes. His statements for the balance of the year will show practically no additional income, for Rosten will be devoting his time to Government work.

STYLE: Sergt. Joe Louis, the heavyweight champ, met Al Buck, the sportswriter and veteran of this war. Louis admired the plaid suit Buck was wearing. "I'm going to get one like that when the war's over," said Louis. "I'm going to get suits in every color, except brown."

CHATTER: Monte Proser is paying Laura Z. Hobson, author of "The Trespasser," $1000 for the first look at her new novel, of which only one chapter has been finished. . . . Lynn Riggs, author of the play from which Oklahoma was adapted, is writing the book for a musical based on Erskine Caldwell's "Tragic Ground," with Aaron Copland doing the music and Agnes de Mille the dances. . . . Mayor LaGuardia and Morris Novik, head of WNYC, this week won the Peabody Awards for public service programs. . . . The Shuberts will produce "The Wind is 90," the prize winning Army play by Capt. Ralph Nelson. The author, who now has won three Army playwriting contests, is the former husband of Celeste Holm, star of "Bloomer Girl."

THEATER: Ferenc Molnar went to a rehearsal at the Theater Guild's "Carousel," the Rodgers-Hammerstein version of Molnar's play, "Liliom." The playwright was so touched that he wept. He turned around to see if anyone was looking, and noticed Lawrence Langner and Theresa Helburn, the producers, who also were weeping . . . "No one can blame you for crying," Molnar told them, "because you put up the money."

JOB: One of Henry J. Kaiser's friends became so enthused about his industrial programs that she said she was anxious to work for him. "What can you do?" Kaiser asker her . . . "I'm very good at stirring up things," said the lady . . . "But what good is a talent for stirring up things?" asked Kaiser . . . "Your output is so varied," she explained, "that it probably includes hornets' nests, too."

SUGGESTION: An American Army officer who once was a screenwriter in Hollywood sat next to Winston Churchill at a private showing of a new movie. Ruth Hussey and Hedy Lamarr had the leading feminine roles. During the picture, Churchill didn't know which was Hussey and which was Lamarr. "If I were making films in Hollywood," said Churchill, "I never would cast two brunettes or two blondes in the leading roles. I'd pick contrasting ones, so that people could easily distinguish between them."

The Gallup Poll

Midnight Curfew Approved By Overwhelming Majority

By George Gallup
Director American Institute of Public Opinion

Princeton, N. J., March 23.—Although now the subject of sharp controversy with Mayor LaGuardia's announcement that New York night clubs may remain open until 1 a. m., the Byrnes midnight curfew nevertheless has the approval of a vast majority of people across the Nation.

More than 8 out of every 10 included in a recent survey say they approve of the idea of closing all places of entertainment at 12 o'clock, in line with the Byrnes request. The survey was ccompleted, however, before the LaGuardia announcement.

Even in the great metropolitan centers (cities with a population of 500,000 or more) majority sentiment is in favor of the midnight closing, but it is also notable that the curfew is less popular in these areas than elsewhere.

Taking as a group the large cities where interviewing on the issue was conducted, the Institute finds about two-thirds among those interviewed approving the curfew ruling.

In making the survey, field reporters for the Institute put this question to a cross-section of the adult population:

The War Mobilization Director has recently requested that all places of entertainment be closed by midnight to conserve fuel and other war resources. Do you approve of this?"

The vote of the Nation:

Approve	82%
Disapprove	13
Undecided	5

People who have a relative in the armed services are more inclined to favor the idea of the curfew than are those who do not. Women are more inclined to favor the curfew than men.

Moreover, a breakdown of the vote in the survey by age groups shows that the older the person interviewed, the more inclined he is to look with approval upon the midnight closing regulation. This is shown as follows:

By Ages	App.	Disap.	Undec.
21 to 29 years	75%	18%	7%
30 to 49 years	82	13	5
50 yrs. and over	86	10	4

Harpers Ferry, Bolivar Merger Is Proposed

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., March 23 (Spl.)—Action looking to asking the voters of the two towns to pass on a proposal to merge the adjoining towns of Harpers Ferry and Bolivar here will be taken at a joint meeting of the two councils April 5 following overtures to that effect made by Mayor Robert Fields of Bolivar to the Harpers Ferry City Council last night.

Since this is the year for the biennial elections in the towns it was indicated officially the matter would, if possible, be submitted to the electorate. Harpers Ferry has a population of 665; Bolivar, 628.

Forger Sentenced To 10- Year Term

Winchester, Va., March 23 (AP).—Raymond Kearns, Martinsburg, W. Va., has been sentenced to 10 years in State prison by Judge Burr P. Harrison in Corporation Court, after the accused pleaded guilty to a series of check forgeries here and also in several adjoining States. His wife, Vilma Kearns, 19, giving home address as Great Cacapon, W. Va., also pleaded guilty to the same charges, and drew a two-year suspended sentence.

Show Time

STAGE

National—"Student Prince," at 2:30 and 8:30 p. m.

Gayety—Burlesque, at 12, 2:30, 6:30 and 9 p. m.

SCREEN

Capitol—"Hangover Square," at 11 a. m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:10 and 9:55 p. m. Stage shows at 1, 3:45, 6:30 and 9:15 p. m.

Earle—"Ministry of Fear," at 9:15 and 11:40 a. m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:25 and 10:10 p. m. Stage shows at 11:05 a. m., 1:35, 4:10, 6:50 and 9:35 p. m.

Metropolitan—"Objective Burma," at 11 a. m., 1:35, 4:10, 6:40 and 9:20 p. m.

RKO-Keith's—"Frisco Sal," at 11:10 a. m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:35, 7:45 and 9:55 p. m.

Palace—"I'll Be Seeing You," at 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20 and 9:45 p. m.

Columbia—"Naughty Marietta," at 11:55 a. m., 2:15, 4:40, 7 and 9:30 p. m.

Little—"The Human Comedy," at 11 a. m., 1:35, 4:15, 6:55 and 9:50 p. m.

Pix—"Strictly in the Groove, at 1:20, 3:55, 6:30 and 9:05 p. m. "I Cover the Waterfront," at 2:20, 4:55, 7:30 and 10:05 p. m.

Trans-Lux—Newsreels and shorts at 10:15 and 11:30 a. m., 12:45, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45 p. m.

Ambassador—"Ministry of Fear," at 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30 and 9:50 p. m.

Hippodrome—"Resurrection," at 2:15, 5:15 and 8:15 p. m. "I Was Faithful," at 3:40, 6:40 and 9:40

Grin and Bear It

By Lichty

"But if you five gentlemen are traveling together, I don't understand why you object to a double bed!"

Reds Clear Polish Food, Balk Mission

Till Rehabilitated

Filipinos Told Independence Should Wait

By the Associated Press

Paul V. McNutt, former high commissioner to the Philippines, suggested yesterday that independence for the commonwealth be referred until after rehabilitation from the ravages of war.

"If the Filipinos defer the question of independence they are more likely to get a sympathetic reaction from Congress on rehabilitation measures," McNutt said in an interview.

His was the first suggestion for postponement from any high administration figure.

The Philippines rehabilitation commission is now studying the extent of war damages in the islands and the commonwealth is expected to put in a claim of nearly a billion dollars. In addition, the Philippine Government may ask for grants from Congress to fill out its depleted treasury which now, according to expert estimates, contains sufficient funds for only about eight months of normal operations.

"If the Philippines step off into an uncharted sea, as some of their leaders seem to be advocating, the islands are clearly destined for trouble," McNutt declared, but acknowledged that "we may have to let the Philippines take their freedom now and learn the hard way."

"It is mor ethan possible that if they get their freedom now, they may never again attain their prewar economic stability and may destine themselves to a permanently lowered standard of living," the War Manpower Commissioner said.

The Philippines, under the terms of the Tydings-McDuffie Act as originally passed, were to obtain complete independence on July 4, 1946. An amendment, passed during the period of occupation in order to offset Japanese propaganda, permits the president to advance the date of independence if he thinks it proper.

Rhine Drive Frees 27 Ex-Members Of 29th Division

With the Twenty-ninth Infantry Division, March 21 (Delayed).—Blue and Gray headquarters tonight has received word that 27 former members, including four Marylanders, who were taken prisoner as far back as June 6, have been freed by the American Armies driving to the Rhine in the south.

Liberated when a large German prisoner of war camp was overrun were Staff Sergt. August J. Fitch of Baltimore County; T/4 John T. Whipp, Union Bridge; Sergt. Harold L. Bill, Havre de Grace, and Staff Sergt. Charles C. Tuttle of Laurel.

Sergeant Fitch, formerly with B company of the 104th Medical battalion, was captured on the beachhead June 7; Sergeant Whipp, a member of a medical detachment of the 175th regiment, was taken prisoner July 11; Sergeant Tuttle, former of headquarters company 115th, was captured June 10.

Under War Department regulations these men will be returned to the United States for rehabilitation and reassignment, which will not be made to this theater.

Churchill Replies To Son's Remarks On Document Dates

London, March 23 (AP).—Prime Minister Churchill replied to his son's remarks in Commons on the disparity between British and American systems of dating letters and documents.

Maj. Randolph Churchill, Conservative member of Parliament, had addressed a formal complaint to the Prime Minister, pointing out for example that 1/10/45 meant October 1, 1945, to an Englishman and January 10, 1945, to an American.

"Uniformity of notation and nomenclature," the Prime Minister replied, "is, of course, of high value between Allies in war, and progress has been made in many directions. I am not aware of any serious difficulty that has arisen in this particular instance, but inquiries will be made."

His son had suggested the system current in the British Army be made uniform. This system puts first the day of the month in figures without suffix, second the month in letters, and last, the year.

Sen. White Named Head Of Wildlife Committee

Senator Wallace H. White, jr. of Maine, minority floor leader, is the only Republican committee chairman in either branch of Congress.

He has just been named to head the Senate's special Committee on Conservation of Wildlife Resources.

The 15-year-old committee pays no heed to politics in picking its leaders. Former Republican Senator Walcott of Connecticut, now president of the American Wildlife Institute, was its first chairman in 1930. Former Senator Clark (D., Mo.) was its chairman at the time of his defeat last year.

Strengthen the link between home and the boys over there. Back the Red Cross.

UNRRA Unit Chief Quits; Russian Heads Temporary Group

Although an initial boatload of UNRRA relief supplies for Poland has been cleared by the Russians and is on the way, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is still to receive Russian permission to send representatives into Poland to make arrangements to govern the distribution of the supplies, it was learned yesterday.

This situation was said to have caused the resignation of John P. Gregg, an American formerly with the War Production Board and the State Department, as head of the UNRRA mission to Poland. Gregg was with UNRRA since October 31, waiting in this country for Soviet visas to get into Poland.

The announcement that Gregg has resigned was released by UNRRA simultaneously with an announcement that Michail A. Menshikov, deputy director general of UNRRA and a Russian, had been appointed to head a "temporary UNRRA delegation to Poland" to work out arrangements for relief assistance with the Polish government now in Warsaw.

It was evident that Menshikov was chosen (1) because, as a Russian, he should face no difficulty getting the necessary clearances, and (2) because his position as deputy director general should assist in getting the necessary arrangements made. Americans, Britishers and a Czech will be on his delegation.

UNRRA officials stressed, however, that Menshikov was not being appointed to replace Gregg although he will negotiate the opening agreement that Greg would have worke don. A chief of a permanent mission to Poland is still to be selected, it was said.

UNRRA simultaneously revealed that the Warsaw provisional government "is the only Polish authority with which UNRRA will deal on Polish relief arrangements."

The statement amounted to a snub to the London Polish government in exile, which is still recognized by the British and American governments, although it was given a death sentence at the Yalta conference of the "Big Three." A three-power commission is now at work in Moscow and Warsaw to reorganize the Polish government on the spot to broaden its base, but has run into difficulties.

UNRRA officials explained that the international organization is set up to deal with governments in actual administrative control of a country which are in a position to distribute relief. Representatives of UNRRA in Poland—if they are ever admitted—will have the job of seeing that the relief is not distributed on a political basis.

Gregg assisted with American relief activities in Russia and Poland after the last war. In announcing his resignation, UNRRA Director General Herbert H. Lehman said Gregg "aided the Administration greatly in its preparatory work and his resignation has been reluctantly accepted."

"His experience of relief work and his knowledge of Poland had been very valuable in recruiting personnel and preparing the way for the (UNRRA) Administration's mission to Poland," Lehman said.

Menshikov will serve as a personal trepresentative of Lehman. UNRRA Deputy Director General similar agreement with the Yugo- Roy F. Hendrickson, an American, is now in Belgrade negotiating a slavs after stopping in Athens to complete negotiations with the Greeks. Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, a British deputy director general, completed a similar agreement with the Czechoslovak government while it was still in London.

The relief supplies which will be shared by Czechoslovakia and Poland consist of beans, peas and canned meat from Canada, and feed, blankets, shoes, dried milk and medical supplies from the United States. Russia approved the use of Black Sea ports for the shipment in January.

The temporary Menshikov mission will also consult the Warsaw Poles regarding relief and rehabilitation supplies, make recommendations to Washington, ascertain the government's desires for services in the fields of health, welfare, displaced persons, agricultural and industrial rehabilitation, and possibly also supply and transport problems relating to Polish relief.

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She May Become Mrs. Al Jolson

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

MISS ERLE GALBRAITH, film actress, 21, from Little Rock, Ark., may soon become the bride of Al Jolson, 56-year-old "mammy" singer. Jolson said he hoped to announce his wedding plans next week

Tax to Support Takoma Park's Library Asked

The mayor and council of Takoma Park, Md., would be authorized by Senate Bill 410, introduced at the current session of the Maryland General Assembly, to levy a 5-cent tax on each $100 valuation of all locally taxable real estate and personal property to maintain and support the Takoma Park Library.

The library at 8 Sherman ave., Montgomery County, is maintained and operated by the Takoma Park, Md., Library Association, a non-stock, non-profit association incorporated under the public general laws of Maryland July 15, 1935. Since that date it has continuously provided free public library service to the residents of the town.

The mayor and council are further authorized to levy an additional tax which, when added to the first 5-cent tax authorized by the bill, will not exceed the tax for public library purposes now or hereafter authorized to be levied by municipalities within the State.

At least 30 days before the tax-levying period of each year the mayor and council would be required to certify to the Library Association the whole valuation of assessable property within the town. The association would determine the amount necessary for operation of the library, including payment, in whole or in part, for purchase of any real and personal property required to operate the library either at its present site or any other within the town limits. The mayor and council would then levy the proportionate tax. The tax would be collected as are other town taxes and would bear the same interest and penalties as other town taxes.

Alexandrians Told To Get Auto Tags Now to Avoid Rush

Alexandria motorists are being urged to obtain their automobile licenses now in order to avoid a last-minute rush expected to develop immediately before the April 15 deadline.

J. Paul Tribles, manager of the Aero Auto Co. at 1101 King st., which with the Mount Vernon Motors at 121 S. Alfred st., is serving as an issuing station, said that the work is done by the regular employes of both companies which have double duties. He pointed out that drivers can cooperate by applying early to prevent the work to pile up.

Both firms are able to furnish the necessary notary service in renewing operators' licenses as well as in issuing tags. All commercial vehicle licenses and new State license tags are obtained at the Arlington office of the Division of Motor Vehicles at Columbia Pike and Glebe rd., Tribles said.

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Bluejacket Battling Enemy Far Behind U. S. Pacific Front

Peleliu, West Carolines, March 23.—When they tell you there's a war going on, the grumpy store clerks in the States surely aren't talking about the war I bumped into this week. They probably never heard of it.

This private little war is very much off the beaten path—a kind of forgotten war between United States bluejackets and 20,000 to 30,000 Jap soldiers garrisoned on Babelthaup islet, with a lot more across the reef on Koro.

The two Jap-held islands are a comparative mashie pitch across the water from Peleliu. That's the base in the Palaus that the Marines captured when they won the costly battle of Bloody Nose Ridge last September. The Marines also took the little ink spot of Anguar, but didn't bother with the rest of the Palaus.

As for Babelthuap, the Marines never did try to take it. "Hell, we can't even pronounce it," said Seaman First Class Bob McNulty of Baltimore.

The big idea is to contain the Japs on Babelthaup and Koro. They could do a lot of damage if they got loose toward Peleliu. The Navy has taken over the job of helping the Nips wither on the vine.

The Navy is fighting this war with seagoing jeeps—LCI's and LST's. They move in close and try to blast the Nips into kingdom come with mortar fire, from only a boat length off shore. And if that doesn't eliminate Jap gun positions, the sailors go ashore.

By day the Japs lie still and quiet. They're afraid to shoot back, for fear of revealing gun positions. But by night, they're up to monkey business. They wade out on the reefs, then send swimming crews with explosives to try to blow up the little navy.

The LCI's and LCT's were'n meant for such uses as patrolling and bombarding, but they're doing all right in this cops-and-robbers war. The boss of the job is Capt. John H. Morrill, Annapolis '24, and his forces call themselves Merrill's Madmen.

Captain Morrill escaped from Corregidor in the terrible days of 1942, and any little thing he can do to make the Japs unhappy finds him willing and eager.

As he figures it, every one of Captain Morrill's bluejackets are immobilizing 100 Japs by their tactics of containing the Nips on Babelthuap and Koro. They never had any formal amphibious training for the sort of work they are doing, but they like it. They bitch about it, which makes everything quite normal.

The uniform of Morrill's Madmen is anything they care to make it. The fad right now is blue shorts clipped out of dungarees, baseball caps and open-toed sandals. When they go ashore the most important thing they carry is a knife and a load of TNT just in case.

There's evidence that the Japs are running short of ammunition; at least they have been very sparing with it lately, but there's no shortage of TNT among the Japs, apparently. A party of 40 Jap swimmers tried to make it to the little fleet the other night, pushing little boxes of TNT, with removable pegs that would make a depth charge of the explosives. Searchlights caught 'em halfway, and every one of the Nips was hoist by his own TNT.

It's a thriving sort of community on Koro. In fact, Koro Town was the capital of all the Jap-mandated islands in the Pacific, and recent observations showed that trolley cars were still running on the place. And it's apparent that the Nips have radio communication, too. But as far as egress is concerned, it's a Pacific Alcatraz.

Long since the little United States fleet wiped out all of the Japs' boats on the island. The bluejackets are now down to the point where they're going after the rafts and canoes. And they try not to leave any coconut trees standing, either. The juice and meat of the coconut is nectar and ambrosia to the Nips.

The Japs get along with truck gardens, up to a certain point, in their fight for existence, but Morrill's Madmen have not put those gardens on their docket. If anything can grow, through the phosphorous shell spray from the LCI's, well, the Nips are eating miracle food.

Compensation Denied Widow of Slain Man

Richmond, Va., March 23 (AP).—The State industrial commission has denied compensation to the widow of John E. Krengel, slain pattern-maker at the Tredegar Co. here, on the grounds that his death was not an accident of occupational nature.

Commissioner Parke P. Deans yesterday gave an opinion in which it was held that the motive for the assault which caused Krengel's death was robbery. Suggestions by counsel for Mrs. Krengel that the 68-year-old employe of the iron company, which was engaged in war work, may have been killed by an intruder to prevent discovery was discounted by the commission.

District Flier, 20-Plane Ace, Hunting Again

Marine Ace Capt. Kenneth A. Walsh, of 1222 Newton st. ne., who shot down 20 Jap planes in the Solomons 2 years ago and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, has returned to the Pacific to "get another crack at the Nips," it was learned here yesterday.

Povich

Capt. Walsh

That's what the 30-year-old fighter pilot asked for 18 months ago when he came home to teach fledging pilots at Pensacola, Fla.

The gallant Leatherneck, who turned his unescorted plane on a group of 50 attacking Zeros over the South Pacific and bagged four before being forced down into the sea, who knocke dout two Jap Zeros during his first combat experience, was modest as he left the West Coast.

"It's surprising what I didn't know about airplanes — especially late models, when I returned from the Pacific. But when fledgling pilots began asking questions, expecting to find me an expert on every phase of aviation, I really began to learn."

When he came home in October, 1943, Captain Walsh was America's No. 2 ace in the South Pacific. Now, after 18 months out of combat his box score is tied for fourth among Leathernecks. Highest Marine boxscores, of 26 planes each, are credited to Maj. Joe Foss, on duty at Santa Barbara, Calif., and Maj. Gregory Boyington, Okanogan, Wash., missing in action. Leading ace in all Pacific services is Maj. Richard Bong, Army flier, with 40 planes.

Captain Walsh hopes for carrier duty "because I'm at home on a flattop." He flew from the Yorktown and Wasp in peacetime, came up through the ranks after enlisting as a private 11 years ago.

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Red Cross Fund Still Fourth Shy; 200,000 Givers Needed

With only 75 per cent of the $2,700,090 quota subscribed, District Red Cross War Fund campaigners this week will concentrate on finding approximately 200,000 givers to bring the total of contributors up to the 484,700 who donated last year.

Report luncheon meetings during the closing days of the drive are scehduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the United States Chamber of Commerce auditorium. Red Cross National Chairman Basil O'Connor will address the Monday meeting at 12:30 p. m.

The Officers Club of Washington has mailed in a contribution of $250, Campaign Director Randolph G. Bishop announced yesterday.

The Washington Nationals will play the Boston Braves tomorrow at 2:30 p. m., at the University of Maryland for the benefit of the Prince Georges County division of the campaign, according to an announcement by Clark Griffith.

GPO, which is conducting its campaign on a 24-hour basis, announced that its superintendent of documents division is the first to reach its Red Cross War Fund quota. GOP is also sponsoring benefit showings of the film "Going My Way," in the office building from 2 p. m. till midnight Tuesday, to accommodate the largest possible number of employes. Proceeds from the admission charges will be turned over to the Red Cross War Fund.

Next week's Monday and Tuesday luncheon report programs will again be under the direction of Harry Anger, production manager of the Earle Theater. The Marine Band Orchestra will play.

Jury Convicts Oft-Wed Conductor

San Francisco, March 22 (AP).—Francis Van Wie, 58, the marrying conductor, was convicted on three counts of bigamy yesterday by a jury which deliberated only 15 minutes.

The roly poly, tiny former municipal railway employe will be tried again by the same jury, beginning Tuesday, on his second plea of innocent by reason of insanity. The prosecution has declared he was married 12 times.

Four of his wives testified against him.

Staunton Woman, 25, Fatally Hurt by Auto

Richmond, Va., March 23 (AP).—Miss Mary Raynard Callihan, 25, of Staunton, was killed last night by an automobile on Route 11, 5 miles north of Staunton at Verona, State police here reported today.

Her death, they said, brought the State highway toll of fatalities to 92 for this year.

John H. Clarke, Ex-Supreme Court Justice, Dies at 87

San Diego, Calif., March 22 (INS).—John Hessin Clarke, 87, retired Supreme Court justice who resigned in 1922 to carry his fight for world peace to the American people, died in his sleep today from a heart attack. His body was found in his suite in the El Cortez Hotel where he has lived for the past 15 years.

Appointed to the high court in 1916 by President Wilson, Clarke resigned six years later to carry on his fight for a world peace organization. After the outbreak of the present war, Mr. Clarke reaffirmed his belief that a world organization of nations was the only way to a lasting peace.

Masonic funeral services are being arranged for Mr. Clarke, a lifelong bachelor.

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Legion Offices To Assist Vets In Arlington

Two offices to assist newly discharged World War II veterans in dealing with Federal Government agencies, particularly for benefits under the GI Bill of Rights, have been established in Arlington by the Arlington Post, American Legion.

Stating emphatically that no connection with the Legion is essential for veterans to receive service, Post Commander Ray Weaver declared no veteran seeking assistance will be expected to apply for membership or otherwise obligate himself to the Legion.

The new offices, located at 3445 N. Washington blvd. and 2040 N. 16th st., in Arlington, are staffed with one or more trained assistants to advise veterans, service men and women, and their families as to facilities and opportunities available to them and the proper procedure to be followed in utilizing such facilities.

The Washington blvd. office is open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights from 7:30 to 9 o'clock, while the N. 16th st. service will operate from 9 to 4:30 each week day.

Visiting Nurse Service

Members of the Instructive Visiting Nurse Association of Arlington made 341 emergency maternity and infant care visits to wives and infants of enlisted service personnel during the past six months, according to a report made to the association's board of directors this week by Mrs. Lillian H. Cary, executive director.

The visiting nurse service is available to wives and infants of servicemen in the four enlisted branches of servicemen ingHa branches as well as to wives who apply for medical care and hospitalization through their physicians.

Cherrydale Citizens

The Cherrydale Citizens Association will hold an open meeting Monday at 8 p. m. at the Masonic Hall to hear Arlington County Board Member Edmund Campbell discuss tax revaluation in the county. All residents of the county have been invited to attend, and participate in an open forum discussion which will follow Campbell's address.

Parkway Meeting

Capt. Carl T. Soule, Marine photo officer who served on Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima, will speak Monday at 8 p. m. before the meeting of the Parkway Citizens Association at the Grace Episcopal Church on Fillmore st. in Arlington.

Tuberculosis Unit

The Board of Directors of the Arlington Tuberculosis Association has been called for an important meeting at the home of the president, Dr. Ivan A. Booker, 617 N. Lincoln st., next Tuesday at 8 p. m.

The association's new budget, plans for the annual membership meeting next month and other important matters requiring a quorum vote will be before the meeting. Mrs. Ralph Lamar, the Rev. Walter F. Wolfe and Mrs. William Davis, nominating committee, will present the slate of officers to be elected at the April meeting.

Md. Congressmen Seek Leaf Ceilings

Senator Tydings (D., Md.) and Representative Sasscer (D., Md.) expressed the hope yesterday that the Office of Price Administration would continue the top ceiling price of 62 cents a pound for Maryland-grown tobacco, which governed 1944 sales.

Tydings and Sasscer headed a delegation of representatives of Maryland tobacco growers at a conference with the War Fod Administration and the OPA Thursday.

Tydings said that he madeit clear to the two Government organizations that Maryland tobacco interests do not approve of the establishment of a weighted general price, which he declared would have a tendency to become the ceiling price.

Md. Property Tax Of 11c Is Sought

Annapolis, Md., March 23 (AP).—Bills seting the 1946 and 1947 State tax rates at 11 cents on each $100 of assessable property were introduced today in the Senate and House.

The revenue is used to pay installments on State bond issues.

When the bill came into the House, Speaker White (D., Prince Georges), commented that "the State tax rate was 23.35 cents when I came here in 1935, just 10 years ago."

Thelargest portion of the 11-cent rate for the next biennium will befor the emergency relief and unemployment loan of 1933, with 2.94 cents in 1946, and 3.15 cents in 1947.

Va. Pastor Accepts Cumberland Call

Cumberland, Md., March 23 (AP).—The Rev. Philip C. Priester, pastor of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hampton, Va., will succeed the Rev. William von Spreckelsen as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Cumberland, assuming the pastorate the first Sunday in May.

The Rev. Mr. Priester was graduated from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., and did preliminary work in organizing the Lutheran Church in Towson, Md. Three years ago he left Towson for Hampton, Va., and organized the church where he is pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Spreckelsen will assume the associate pastorate of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Baltimore.

Nelson B. Bell About the Showshops

'Frisco Sal', at Keith's, Resurrects an Antique; Notes of the Theater

THOSE IN QUEST OF NOVELTY won't find it in Universal's "Frisco Sal," the current exhibition on the screen at RKO-Keith's Theater.

What they will find is a robust revamping of one of Hollywood's hoariest plots, embellished by Susanna Foster's entrancing voice and perhaps the best bit of acting she has so far executed for the cameras; enlivened by occasional flashes of obvious comedy, principally contributed by Andy Devine, Collette Lyons and Fuzzy Knight, and cluttered up with two of the lustiest barroom brawls that even the broad license of the Barbary Coast in the '90s ever incubated.

Turhan Bey

The "original screen play," dug out of the bottom drawer by Curt Siodmak and Gerald Geraghty, is the one about the little orphaned Eastern gal, who mortgaged the ancestral farm to travel away out there to the rowdiest street on the continent to find the long-lost brother whom she hardly remembers and hasn't seen hide nor hair of for all of 12 years.

Once arrived within gunshot of the Golden Gate, she tricks her way into a job as singer in the gaudiest honky-tonk on the Coast and immediately finds herself in the middle of the feud being carried on between the owner of the First Dollar Concert Saloon and his chief competitor down the block who is camouflaging his racketeering under the thin pretext of conducting a gospel mission.

The disorderly progression of this bitter rivalry—in strict conformity with the loftiest precepts of amiable thuggery and deliberate mayhem—somehow contrives to make it possible for Sally to fall in love with one of the boys, upon whom a murder rap is being engineered by the opposition. Which guy she marries, and which one turns out in the last reel to be her brother, "Dude" or "Rio." You will have to see for yourself to get any appreciable bang out of the picture. And even then it won't surprise you out of any considerable part of your normal growth.

As we were saying, Susanna Foster does rather handsomely and sings beautifully in such items as "Good Little, Bad Little Girl" and "Beloved," in this tawdry business.

A New Comedienne

Next to her, the most luxuriant spring of laurel must go to Collette Lyons, in the roistering role of "Mickey" Finn, the lush cabaret gal with a sense of humor, a heart of gold and two catchy songs in "Percy" and "I Just Got In."

Turhan Bey—who may or may not have been cut out for the more gentlemanly of the battling bonifaces—and Alan Curtis are the undistinguished "Dude" and "Rio," respectively, and are abetted affectively enough in the mauling masculinity of the piece by the mountainous Mr. Devine, Samuel S. Hinds, Thomas Gomez, better than average as a sardonic sheriff; the blubbery Fuzzy Knight, Ernie Adams and a mob of the less genteel of San Francisco's nineteenth century citizenry.

For the umpty-steenth time the story has been done, "Frisco Sal" is not too bad—nor too good, neither! Except for Miss Foster and her birdlike high notes and youthful freshness.

Foremost among the supplementaries is the terrifying grim and bloody "Fury in the Pacific," photographed by the Army, Navy and Marine Corps during the conquest of the Palau Islands, which is an unqualified "must" for anyone wishing to learn what the Pacific island-hopping is really like.

The newsreel's brief shot of last week's Academy Awards and Walt Disney's Technicolor cartoon comedy, "African Diary," with Goofy as its star, complete a bill of action goods that is anything but soporific.

Tomorrow's Sabbath soliloquies—written Thursday night—will intimate that it would be more or less futile to attempt to secure seats for the early performances of "Winged Victory," opening Monday night for two weeks at the National. So what happens? So what happens is that on Friday afternoon it develops that there are still desirable seat locations to be had for next week's first performance or two. But don't let too much spring grass grow under your feet. They are moving fast—the tickets, that is. If you want any of them, your feet should be, too!

A perusal of the enormously long cast of "Winged Victory," by the way, will lead eventually to the name of Corpl. Walter Long. Walter is the former Washingtonian—now a member of the AAF—who broke into the theatrical big-time via Managing Director Gene Ford's "Going Native" revues, at Loew's Capital Theater, where he had previously served in a non-acting capacity. Through vaudeville and musical comedy, Walter climbed into Hollywod's favor and at the time of his enlistment was rated high among the screen's better dancers. There will be a lot of old-home-towning when the "Victory" troupe steams in.

"Springtime" a Springboard

To my positive knowledge, the fellow already is being scouted by Hollywood, which is by way of being new evidence of West Coast wisdom. I caught his act Wednesday night and haven't seen a more generously gifted or more versatile comedian behind, or away from, the footlights in goodness knows when.

That would be Henny Nadell, recently dropped into the headline spot in the Springtime Revue," with which the enterprising Herb Sachs is packing his Del Rio.

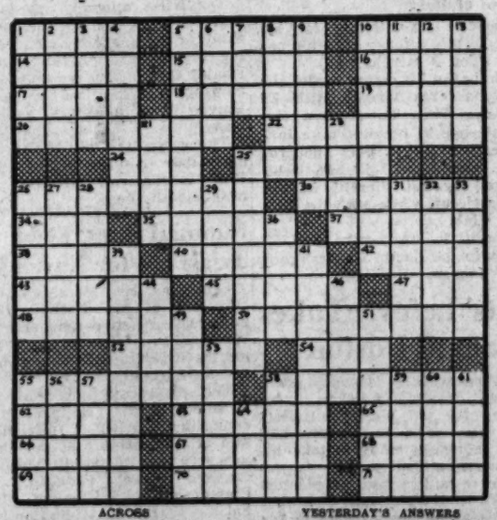
Henny is a lad who has a way with a funny line or a song, packs a fine talent for impersonation and possesses a great gift of comic pantomime. His wordless bit of the scared draftee at table, tops any similar thing I have ever seen Red Skelton undertake and, down the years, I think I have seen Red's complete repertoire a dozen times. Those scouts are on the right track.

So is Herb Sacks. "This Springtime" business of his, with Dean Martin held over as crooner-in-chief; the De Marlos, an extraordinary dance team; Betty Lou Holland, an ingenuous young tapstress of the first rank; Hal Winters, supplementing Mr. Martin's efforts, and the De Marlos' piano accompanist in solo piano numbers that belong in the top flight, comprise a floor show that hasn't been equalled locally in merit, speed and balance within recent memory. And that would not be omitting the six ravishing "Rio Ritas," costumed like all get out!

Speed-of-the-Wind Note

Where did this week get to, anyway?

Daily Cross Word Puzzle



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50 Food
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63 Stone tablet
65 Kind of oil
66 Variety of moth
67 Small drum
68 Fragrant ointment
69 Touch
70 Paces
71 God of love

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3 Harvest
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5 Intertwined
6 Russian language
7 Quick
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9 Calm
10 Discloses
11 Contemn
12 Leave out
13 Bristlelike organ
21 Nice discernment
23 Puts on
33 Crushed
36 Kind of sugar
27 Mahometan apartment
28 Counterpart
29 Chopping tools
31 Repulse
33 Higher
35 Crowns of heads
36 Chapter of Koran
39 Round flat cap
41 Poisonous snakes
44 Sly look
46 Starchy tuber
49 Curls
51 Past
53 Brilliancy
55 Part of leg
56 Fever and chills
57 Narrow way
58 Cease
59 Wing-shaped
60 Roman tyrant
61 Turls
64 "Honest ——"

YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

Montgomery Women Elect Mrs. Himstead

Mrs. Ralph Himstead, Chevy Chase, Md., was elected president of the Montgomery League of Women Voters yesterday at its annual luncheon at the Presbyterian Church, Kensington, held in connection with the twenty-fifth celebration of the founding of the National League. She succeeds Mrs. Frank R. Garfield, Somerset.

Serving as vice president for the past two years, Mrs. Himstead is former chairman of the State League's Department on Government and former president of the Onandaga County League, Syracuse, N. Y.

Other Officers Named

Other officers include Mrs. William J. Sholar, jr., Bethesda, vice president; Mrs. S. Shepard Jones, Bethesda, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Richard E. Saunders, Chevy Chase and Mrs. Edward A. Bayne, Rockville, directors. Mrs. William G. Allen, Bethesda and Mrs. PGad Morehouse, recording secretary and treasurer respectively, will remain in office to complete their two-year terms. Mrs. Irwin Wensink, chairman of the nominating committee presented the slate for which ballots were cast.

A budget of $1550 for the fiscal year starting April 1, an increase of $740 over last year's budget, was adopted.

Mis Anna Lord Strauss, president of the National League, told the group the need for getting over the philosophy of government.

"If we can achieve that there would be no need to worry for a sound Democratic government," she declared.

Honor Guests Attend

She urged the women to "put their teeth" into the study of Bretton Woods. What happens in the next six months or year depends much on the work of the 600 local leagues by their discussion in "simple terms of the great choices we have to make," she said.

Past presidents of the county league who were guests of honor were: Mrs. Herman Wilson, Gaithersburg, who served as president 14 years ago; Mrs. Luke I. Wilson, Bethesda; Mrs. Minier Hostetler, Glen Echo; Mrs. PGad Morehouse, Silver Spring; Mrs. Dean Dinwoodey, Chevy Chase, and Mrs. Durward V. Sandifer, Silver Spring, now State president.

A letter of congratulations from Mrs. Raymond Clapper, who was president of the county league when it was reorganized in 1938, was read.

Work and activities of the league, whose membership now totals 250, was reviewed by chairmen of various committees and projects. Mrs. Garfield was presented a large agalea plant from the board of directors as a tribute for her efforts while president.

Md. Tire Quota Is Cut Sharply

Baltimore, March 23 (AP).—The State Office of Price Administration announced today that Maryland motorists have been allocated 10,000 fewer grade 1 passenger tires for April than they received in March.

OPA officials said the cut from 25,945 to 15,902 passenger tires was in line with a 37½ per cent drop in the national quota this month.

At the same time, Maryland's quota of small truck tires jumped from 2907 last month to 3585 for April. Large truck tire quotas rose from 956 to 1359; small tractor tire quotas from 193 to 208, and large tractor tire quotas increased from 99 to 138.

In an effort to tighten the control of tires, the OPA also announced that all tire certificates dated prior to December 1, 1944, will become invalid on April 1.

Dutch Elm Disease Gains in Western Md.

Baltimore, March 23 (AP).—Representatives of the U. S. Bureau of Entomology and plant quarantine reported today that the Dutch elm disease had shown some increase in several sections of western Maryland, although it has not reached serious proportions anywhere in the State.

The representatives, who met recently in Frederick, adopted control measures consisting of the removal and immediate destruction of diseased trees and the practice of sanitation. This includes the removal of trees in the immediate area of one infested by the beetles which spread the infection.

The Maryland Farm Bureau has requested the Governor to include $3000 in the supplemental budget in order for the State to carry out its share of the control program.

Virginia Would Join Ohio Valley Compact

Richmond, Va., March 23 (AP).—A bill to authorize Virginia's participation in the Ohio River Valley sanitation compact, which would set up a nine-State commission to deal with pollution in the Ohio Basin, was introduced in the Virginia General Assembly today by Delegate John Spiers, of Radford.

Under the measure offered today, the act would become effective upon signature of the Governor, who would not be authorized to sign until the compact has been ratified by the States of New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

States to participate in the sanitation project are named in the bill as Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia.

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MAKING HOME HERE are Mrs. James Rabey and Mr. Rabey, who were married recently in the Ninth Street Christian Church, the Rev. Dr. Carroll C. Roberts officiating. She is the former Miss Doris M. Amiss. Her sister, Betty Ann, attended her

Belgian Envoy Is Honored

The Belgian Ambassador, Baron Robert Silvercruys, was the guest in whose honor Mrs. Frederick Mitchell Gould entertained at dinner last evening at her home on Woodland dr.

Others in the company were Senator and Mrs. Tom Connally, the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. William L. Clayton, the Naval Attache of the Swedish Legation and Mme. Angelin, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Graves and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Witt.

PEO Chapters Elect Officers

New officers elected by Chapter L, PEO, are Mrs. Joseph H. Milans, president; Mrs. Sue Brown, vice president; Miss Mary Embrey, recording secretary; Mrs. L. Lila Silvershaw, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sallie E. Harper, treasurer; Mrs. Florence Platt, chaplain; Mrs. Ruth Halstead, guard; Mrs. Milans and Mrs. Brown, delegates. New officers were installed by Mrs. William F. Hall, past president.

Chapter N at its annual meeting elected the following officers: Mrs. L. C. Simpson, president; Mrs. R. M. Patrick, vice president; Mrs. H. E. Ratcliffe, recording secretary; Mrs. A. J. Rockwell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Luther E. Ellis, treasurer; Mrs. G. H. Nichol, chaplain; Mrs. Carl Tolman, guard; Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Patrick, delegates. Mrs. Ward M. Buckles, president of the District Chapter and past president of Chapter N, was installing officer.

The next meeting of Chapter N will be at the home of Mrs. C. A. Betts, 5301 Winston dr., Country Club Village, Wednesday, at 5 p. m. Mrs. Grover C. Wilson and Mrs. H. T. Prothro are assisting hostesses.

Parties Precede Jones-Walker Rites Scheduled Today

Miss Emilie Letts Jones and her fiance, Lieut. Richard Henry Walker, whose marriage takes place this afternoon, were entertained at a small cocktail party Thursday night by Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Benjamin Saunders.

Yesterday Miss Jones was honored at a luncheon given by Miss Alice Olmsted, daughter of Brig. Gen. George H. Olmsted.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Guthrie Wickard, aunt and uncle of Miss Jones, gave a dinner for the couple and the bridal party at the Shoreham Hotel following the wedding rehearsal last night. Following the after-dinner dancing, a midnight supper was given by Maj. and Mrs. J. Craig King.

Officer Named By Church Women

Mrs. Irving W. Ketchum was elected president of the Washington Council of Church Women at the council's twenty-first annual meeting yesterday.

Other officers named were Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel, first vice president; Mrs. Wilbur La Roe, second vice president; Mrs. Glenn E. Riddell, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles G. Lueck, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Thomas G. Carr, treasurer; Mrs. O. L. Hunt, assistant treasurer.

Ration Points For Today

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MEATS, FATS—Book 4 red stamps Q-3 through S-3 good through March 31. Stamps T-3 through X-3 good through April 28; Y-3 and Z-3 and A-3 through D-3 good through June 2; E-3 through J-3 good through June 30.

PROCESSED FOODS—Book 4 blue stamps X-3 through Z-3 and A-2 and B-2 good through March 31. Stamps C-2 through G-2 good through April 28; H-2 through M-2 good through June 2; N-2 through S-2 good through June 30.

SUGAR—Book 4 stamp 35 valid for 5 pounds through June 2. Next stamp scheduled to be validated May 1.

GASOLINE—14-A coupons good for 4-gallons each through March 21. B-3, C-3, B-4, C-4, C-7 and B-7 coupons good for 5 gallons. 15-A coupons become valid March 22 for 4 gallons each through June 21.

SHOES—Book 3 airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely. OPA says no plans to cancel any.

FUEL OIL—Last year's period 4 and 5 coupons and this year's period 1 through 5 coupons good throughout the heating year.

Mary Haworth's Mail appears every day except Saturday in the Women's Pages. Read it tomorrow in Section IV.

Sorority Women Arrange Annual Party as Benefit

By Genevieve Reynolds

With the advent of the war, Greek letter gals put aside mere campus frivolity. The belles who sport sorority pins became a purposeful hard-working group. Results of the metamorphosis will be shown when the Pan Hellenic Association gathers for its annual party, Tuesday, April 3, at the Mayflower Hotel.

Club Notes

Purpose of the gala benefit party is to raise funds to complete furnishings of a Wac recreation room at Bolling Field, being done under auspices of the Red Cross, Camp and Hospital Services. The project was started in 1944 and will be completed by this year's group, according to Mrs. J. E. Saugstad, president, Pan Hellenic Association of Washington.

Every Sunday night the association donates two cakes for USO parties held at the YWCA, 17th and K sts. Eight hundred and fifty were filled and wrapped for service hospitals at Christmas and $250 contributed for Christmas tree decorations.

Many sororities have opened their doors to warworkers who could find no other living quarters. Individually, sorority members are aiding in every type of war work.

Mrs. Saugstad is eager to have Greek letter newcomers in the city attend the forthcoming party. All reservations should be made either with Mrs. Saugstad, 2021 Massachusetts ave., or with Mrs. Harold Rowe, 412 Highland dr., Chevy Chase.

Sponsors from the 21 fraternities and sororities in the Pan Hellenic Association include: Mrs. Saugstad, Alpha Gamma Delta; Mrs. James Kirkland, Alpha Gamma Delta; Mrs. James Kirkland, Alpha Delta Pi; Mrs. Mary DuBois, Delta Zeta; Mrs. Rowe, Kappa Delta; Miss Louise Iacquette, Phi Mu; Mrs. Myrna Adams, Theta Upsilon; Mrs. P. H. Groggins, Beta Sigma Omicron; Mrs. T. G. Horning, Pi Omega Phi.

Also Mrs. Francis Brown, Pi Beta Phi; Mrs. C. D. Conrad, Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. A. P. Burgess, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. Stewart McDonald, Delta Gamma; Mrs. Harold Morrison, Alpha Phi; Mrs. A. Helzer, Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. L. Warren, Alpha Chi Omega; Mrs. Robert Voight, Delta Delta Delta; Mrs. George Reeves, Alpha XI Delta; Mrs. Allen B. Lutz, Chi Omega; Miss Margaret Rockwell, Sigma Kappa; Miss Helen Lytell, Alpha Omicron Pi; Mrs. Paul Loehler, Zeta Tau Alpha.

Sidney R. Bayne.

MRS. J. E. SAUGSTAD
. . . Pan Hellenic head

Arrange Health Session

Women health chairmen from 21 States will attend a public health service arranged by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the United States Department of Health at the Public Health Center in Bethesda, Md. The five-day session will open Monday at 9:30 a. m. with an address by Mrs. LaFell Dickinson, federation president.

This is the first venture on a national basis in training volunteers for workers as State public health chairmen. Delegates will have made a cursory survey of their own State health problems.

Dr. Thomas G. Parran, jr., surgeon general, United States Public Health Department, will discuss "Today and Tomorrow in Public Health" at 2:15 p. m. Thursday, and Dr. R. R. Spencer, chief, National Cancer Institute, will talk on "Cancer Control" at the Friday morning session.

Dr. L. L. Williams, jr., medical director chief, tropical disease section, will close the conference Friday with a discussion on "Malaria."

Speakers at the initial meeting Monday in addition to Mrs. Dickinson and the surgeon general will be Dr. Mayhew Derryberry, chief, Field Activities in Health Education; Dr. C. L. Williams, sr., associate chief, Bureau of State Services.

Chinese Actors Follow Troops to Propagandize

One of the most unique projects to come out of China's eight years of war is War Drama—troops of actors who follow the armed forces, both organized and guerilla, for education purposes.

"You would call it "propaganda," " says Miss Wang Yung, Chinese stage and movie actress, who escaped to this country through the Japanese lines dressed as a beggar woman and acting the part. She is in Washington with a troop of actors who have organized in this country for the purpose of education on the Chinese situation. They played a command performance at the White House last Thursday evening, were entertained at tea by the wife of the Chinese Ambassador, Mme. Wei.

"But," she continued, "to us it is more than an educational project. In China, war-weary troops and guerillas, some of whom can neither read nor write, are inspired by our depictions of the modern Chinese. And when our performance is over, we often help with the wounded and find other tasks in the havoc wrought by bombings."

Miss Wang is studying drama at Yale, a scholarship for which she has qualified. She plans to take the Western technique back to China after the war, improving on efforts already made by Chinese performers in Shakespeare, Ibsen and O'Neill.

Other members of the troop which will perform in the Sylvan Theater in June are Louise Leung, a Conover model, born and brought up in New York; George Khan, interested in stage, radio and opera, a native of Denver, Colo., and 9-year-old Chin Chi, juvenile member of the troop. Her parents are Kung Chuan Chi, scholar and historian and editor at OWI, and Mrs. Chi. He is the former Minister of Education of Shansi Province.

Sharp Angles Become Dimples With Good Nutrition, Exercise

By Ida Jean Kain

Our thin girl who is in such a hurry to "reduce" her collarbones, pulled a boner! We can't reduce bones, we have to cover them up. So she'd better catch up with some good nutrition first. Then exercise will help to change those sharp angles to dimples.

This particular thin girl often skips regular meals and eats whenever she has a chance. She wants desperately to add weight, have more energy and a better figure and she is consistently striving in exactly the opposite direction!

What she needs, and what every skinny girl needs, is three good meals a day, with a big share of calories in foods which furnish tissue-building protein and minerals and the body-regulating minerals and vitamins. Her menus must be planned first around milk, eggs, cream, bread and butter, liver, meat or fish, whole grain cereals and vegetables and fruits. Too many thin girls make a habit of eating rich foods and skipping the good, wholesome ones.

Exercise, plus good nutrition, will work wonders. Lack of padding means the muscles in that area are not used as they should be and the tissues are not being properly nourished. The muscles must be contracted and stretched to keep the circulation active and carry nourishment. Easy, rhythmic exercises like the following are best:

Position: Stand erect, arms held straight out at sides in line with shoulders, palms down.

Movement: Keep one arm straight out, and with the other, holding elbow straight, make a complete circle inward across chest and circle back out to the shoulder. Now circle with the other arm. Make each movement flow. Avoid any jerkiness. Make 6 to 12 circles.

The next exercise will help the thin girl keep her nice waistline and put curves above the waist:

Position: Standing in good posture, one hand on hip, the other arm ready for action.

Movement: Swing the free arm up in front of chest, shoulder level, then holding this level, swing the arm as far around toward the back as possible, following the fingers with the eyes. But keep the hips squarely to the front and let the twist be right on the waistline. Repeat three times, then three times with the other arm. This can be gradually increased to 16 counts, alternating after 4 counts.

Finish with the cross-to-fly exercise . . . standing with wrists crossed in front of body, swing up just past shoulder level, going up on tip toes. Swing free and easy, to get a lift.

Other good exercises are illustrated in the leaflet, "Bust Normalizing." Please send a stamped, addressed envelope to Ida Jean Kain, The Washington Post.

Honor Brides-Elect At Luncheon Party

Two of the Capital's popular brides-elect, Miss Achsah Bowie Dorsey and Miss Sonia Burton, were honor guests at a luncheon yesterday given by Mrs. Blake Clarke at her apartment in the Winthrop House.

Among the guests were Mrs Richard B. Park, Mrs. Judson Glenn Sherrill and Miss Courtenay Owens.

The hostess presented both honor guests with handmade luncheon cloths.

The Gentler Sex

By Malvina Lindsay

The Clothes Question

How does it feel to wear a uniform? Does the wearer envy her sisters (and rivals) in flower hats floating veils and dangling earrings? Or does she have other compensations? Especially, how does she feel around Easter time? These questions, recently posed in this column, are herewith answered by a present Wac and by one who has doffed her uniform.

The Woman in Uniform

By Sergt. Margaret Jane Taggs

I

You ask if envy stirs a lady's heart,
Beneath the drab of military dress,
Confronted with a milliner's fine art
Of flower and feather. Here's the answer: "Yes."

II

With Easter comes the ever-thrilling sight
Of new creations, exquisite in style;
No spoils of battle offer the delight
Of trophies captured in the center aisle.

III

A springtime belle is fairer than a rose
And irresistible as bloom to bee;
She walks in beauty, everywhere she goes
While we just walk—and wish that we were she.

IV

Oh, yes, we dream and, waking, dream anew
Of clothes that we so long have coveted;
And as these haunting visions flit in view,
With one accord, it seems, we all see red!

V

The beaux, like snows, of yesteryear, we know
Have vanished just as meat and cigarettes;
She whose allure produces one good beau
Is not to be begrudged the prize she gets.

VI

We think, of course, of men whose place we take.
What matter the monotony of drills?
Since things we do are solely for their sake—
(But hope that they can picture us in frills!)

VII

This period will fade in memory.
Seem like a life no woman ever knew;
But we shall keep the knowledge, endlessly
That we have done the job we had to do.

VIII

When blessed peace succeeds this frightful storm,
When dull accoutrements at last we doff,
We shall be glad we were in uniform
Because it feels so good to take it off!

The Woman Out of Uniform

By a Former Wac Officer

I

Two years and more I wore the badge
That signified I was a Wac,
With flat heeled shoes and round billed hat
And olive drab upon my back.

II

While dressed like that I used to look
At froth and lace and flowers too,
And wonder if when war was o'er,
I'd buy a dress of green or blue.

III

I'd try on hats of birds and veil,
And laugh at their incongruity,
Topping uniform so militaire,
They showed female frivolity.

IV

The time I spent in civil life
In looking for that just right dress,
I now could use in different ways
For service, fun or just plain rest.

V

I'd go to parties in my "drab"
Without a thought of what I wore,
And dance more dances than the "fluff,"
At evening's end my feet weren't sore!

VI

Then wedding bells rang out one day,
The question, plain it was to see,
Uniform, or bridal white?
The answer, uniform, of course, for me.

VII

My husband was as proud as I
To see me in my uniform!
It made our interests more the same,
It acted as a sort of bond.

VIII

The uniform's now put away,
Replaced by one that's fitted less!
The only kind to take its place,
A brown and white maternity dress.

Newlyweds Plan To Live in Capital

J. K. Briggs, USN, and Mrs. Briggs have returned from a brief wedding trip and are making their homes here. The bride is the former Mss Velma Townsend, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. C. R. Townsend, Glasgow, Mont. Mr. Briggs also is a native of Glasgow.

Their marriage was solemnized earlier this month in Luther Place Memorial Church, with the Rev. Ralph L. Taylor officiating.

Nats Meet Cutters in Spring Opener Today

On the Baseball Front:

Bucs' Sewell in Great Shape, Drills With Zeal of a Rookie

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

A BLOOPER—Rip Sewell (left) gets a few pointers on the business of baseball blooping from Honus Wagner, Pirate coach and the official authority on the well known "blooper" pitch which enabled Rip to be one of the best pitchers in the league last season for the Pirates.

By Jerry Liska

Muncie, Ind., March 23 (AP).—Truett Banks Sewell, who is crowding "37," reports his legs, wind and tantalizing "blooper pitch" all are primed for his third straight 20-game season.

If the Pittsburgh Pirates, virtually intact from last season's second place finish, catch the springtime enthusiasm of the "Rip," the Champion St. Louis Cardinals are a collection of dead birds.

In his first workout this week, Sewell toiled three innings with the jubilant zeal of a rookie. He threw his slow-motion dive bomb pitch, was swinging at the plate like Joe DiMaggio and running the bases with Cobb-like fervor.

Rip Read to Go

"I could have gone nine innings," he said. "I'm in great shape—weight 185, the same as when I quit last season. I'd be ready to get right in there if the season opened tomorrow."

Sewell isn't too chesty, though. "A pitcher has to get all the breaks all the way to win 20 games," he said.

The Cardinals, who finished far ahead of the runnerup Pirates last season, better hope Sewell doesn't get "all the breaks" this summer.

The ace right-hander finished with a 21-12 record last season despite a touch of pleurisy that had him on the ropes for almost a month.

In 1943, Sewell won 21 and lost 9 and probably would have topped Mort Cooper of the Cards (21-8), if he hadn't damaged his elbow trying to slide and sat out the final two weeks of the season.

Sewell Is 4-F

Sewell, who is 4-F because of hunting accident which occurred December 7, 1941, the day of the Pearl Harbor attack, said he crowded as much hunting, golf and hiking as he could into his winter stay at Plant City, Fla.

"A baseball player, no matter what position he plays, is only as good as his legs," he emphasized. "His batting eye or his arm will develop automatically, if he can travel at top speed."

Sewell still carries 3 of the 15 shotgun pellets that sprayed his right leg when a hunter mistook him for fair game at 30 feet. The accident made him change his pitching style, much to the regret of National League hitters.

"I have to work straight backward and forward on my pivot leg," he explained, "and as a result my body screens my pitches until the ball almost reaches the batter."

BROWNS' PETE GRAY STARS

Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 23 (AP). — The St. Louis Browns whipped their Toledo farm club of the American Association for the third straight time today, 12 to 1.

Manager Luke Sewell used only Veteran Hurlers Al Hollingsworth and Tex Shirley in the six-inning affair and each allowed three hits. The American League champions collected 16 blows, 3 of them by Pete Gray, one-armed centerfielder.

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St. Louis (AL)	340 32x—12	16	0

Whitehead, Tkemeyer (5) and Comyn, Missler; Hollingsworth, Shirley (4) and Mancuso.

A'S EDGE CUTTERS, 14-13

Baltimore, March 23 (AP).—The Philadelphia Athletics turned back the Curtis Bay (Md.) Coast Guard team today, 14-13, in the first game of the season for both.

The A's came through with the winning run in the eighth after a slam-bang seventh inning in which 24 batters came to the plate. Charley Metro, who is fighting for a regular post with the Athletics, turned in the best performance, leading off the attack that clinched the game.

He doubled to left in the eighth with the bases loaded, scoring two runs. Joe Burns followed with a single, bringing in Dick Siebert and Metro.

Philadelphia (A.L.)	000 010 850—14	12	2
Coast Guard	200 110 900—13	12	2

Black, Knerr (4), Horner (7), Conway (7) and Hayes, Pruett; Ronay, Sipple (6), Kerr (7) and Tabacheck, Reeves.

GIANTS FACE BAINBRIDGE

Lakewood, N. J., March 23 (AP). Following a brisk one-hour workout, the New York Giants' squad of 25 and 6 Jersey City players left today for Bainbridge, Md., in a bus provided by the United States Naval Training Center for a three-game series.

From Bainbridge the Giants will go in military vehicles to the United States Coast Guard Station at Curtis Bay, Md., for two games. Then back to Lakewood in the Bainbridge bus.

TIGERS IN FIELDING DRILL

Evansville, Ind., March 23 (AP).—The Detroit Tigers, planning their first intra-squad game tomorrow, held a long fielding drill tdoay.

Manager Jack Zeller announced that Forrest Orrell, 26-year-old righthander who won eight games against a single defeat last season with Buffalo, has passed his induction physical examination and was not expected to report for spring training. Seven players still are missing from the Tigers' training camp.

DYKES GROOMS NAGEL

Terre Haute, Ind., March 23 (AP). Portly Bill Nagel, infielder up from Milwaukee, may get the cleanup assignment in Manager Jimmy Dykes' White Sox lineup. Nagel, slated to hold down third base, hit .307 for the Brewers last year, and has been hammering the ball all over the lot in training camp. Right now, Nagel needs to take off 15 pounds in excess weight, however.

CUBS' WYSE IN DRILL

French Lick, Ind., March 23 (AP). The pitching staff of the Chicago Cubs began to take shape today when Henry Wyse, who won 16 and lost 15 last season, took his first workout with the squad. Manager Charlie Grimm now has eight pitchers in the fold, with two others, Ray Prim, and Dwight Adams taking their preliminary conditioning with the Los Angeles club. The pitchers will be invited to cut loose in Sunday's second intraclub game.

YANKS' ROSER WORKS

Atlantic City, N. J., March 23 (AP).—Emerson Roser, 210-pound right hander, had his first workout today as the New York Yankees resumed outdoor drills after two days inside the hangar because of rain. Classified 2-B in the draft, Roser had been working in a sheet metal plant in Utica, N. Y.

Roser brought his contract with him and said he would sign as soon as he could have a talk with Manager Joe McCarthy.

FLOCK IN INTRASQUAD TILT

Bear Mountain, N. Y., March 23 (AP).—Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Frenchy Bordagaray, who engaged in a verbal row yesterday, dismissed the incident as a trivial matter today.

The practice session today featured a six-inning contest between the Durochers and the Betzels. It opened with a home run blast by Luis Olmo, centerfielder. Stan Andrews, catcher, also was a home run hitter for the Durochers, who won 4 to 2.

REDS' GUMBERT TO REPORT

Bloomington, Ind., March 23 (U.P.). Manager Bill McKechnie reported today that Harry Gumbert, veteran right-handed pitcher, has left Houston, Tex., and is expected to report here tomorrow or Sunday.

McKechnie had been informed that Gumbert had been inducted into the Army. His unexpected addition bolstered the Reds' pitching corps. The fifth day of the Reds' spring training program found them in good shape today and after a long batting and fielding session, McKechnie announced a practice game would be held tomorrow noon.

John Orphal, promising rookie from Birmingham, Ala., informed club officials he had been classified 4-F and would report tomorrow.

CARDS TO RETURN HOME

Cairo, Ill., March 23 (U.P.).—President Sam Breadon of the St. Louis Cardinals arrived in camp today and after one look at the waterlogged baseball field announced that the World Champions would withdraw to St. Louis Monday.

Breadon conferred with Coach Mike Gonzalez, who is handling the squad in Manager Billy Southworth's absence, and said the Cardinals would work out here tomorrow and Sunday and then return to Sportsmen's Park in St. Louis to complete their spring training program.

PHIL BEAN-POLE REPORTS

Wilmington, Del., March 23 (U.P.). Bitsy Mott, 5-foot, 8-inch shortstop with Utica of the Eastern League last year, arrived at the Philadelphia Phillies camp today, bringing the contingent to 30. Mott, who was at the camp last spring, hit .285 with Utica, but was rated as one of the best shortstops in the circuit.

TRIBE'S SMITH LOOKS GOOD

Lafayette, Ind., March 23 (U.P.).

Position Bolstered

U. S. to Leave Baseball Alone, Survey Shows

Baseball yesterday apparently was in a position to circle the bases steadily in the coming season, a check of government departments revealed.

Selective Service and War Department persons said that no thought is being given to altering regulations now in effect governing professional athletes, and the White House indicated a similar attitude.

Meanwhile, Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, disclosed at his team's training camp, Bear Mountain, N. Y., that War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes has indicated he will make no ruling to embarrass the game this season.

Rickey said he received a statement to this effect from Ford Frick, National League head, the ssociated Press reported.

Byrnes' office said that it ::knows nothing about" such a statement. Frick and Will Harridge, American League president, once conferred with Byrnes on baseball's manpower problems.

Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Director, this week helped baseball over a big hurdle by ruling that players may leave "off-season' employment, such as war plants, and return to their principal business of baseball without being subject to the WMC's referral program.

Selective Service and the War Department spiked reports that baseball men have recently been here to discuss the draft status of professional athletes.

Both Selective Service and the War Department said that whether an athlete is put in 1-A or classified 4-F, subject to final decision by Washington officials, will continue to be up to Army doctors at induction centers.

14 Baseball Games Set for Cavaliers; 4 More Pending

Charlottesville, Va., March 23 (AP).—A tentative baseball schedule of 14 games during April, May and June has been arranged for the University of Virginia by Norton Pritchett, director of athletics, who says he still hopes to add four more games to the Cavaliers' card.

Beginning with a home game against Bridgewater College on April 7, the Virginia team, now drilling under Coach Gus Tebell, will play on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons until June 6 when the season probably closes with a game here against the Norfolk Naval Training Station.

Two games with Maryland are to be added to the list and one or two more contests with service teams may also be scheduled to fill out a card of 18 contests. Changes in one or two dates also are pending.

April 7, Bridgewater, at home; 11, Lynchburg Cardinals (Piedmont League), at Lynchburg; 14, VPI, at home; 18, Woodrow Wilson Hospital, at Staunton; 21, Hampden-Sydney, at home; 25, Naval Academy, at Annapolis; 28, Richmond, at home.

May 2, Hampden-Sydney, at Hampden-Sydney; 5, Richmond, at Richmond; 9, Camp Lee, at home; 12, VPI, at Blacksburg; 16, Woodrow Wilson Hospital, at home; 22, Bridgewater, there.

June 6, Norfolk Naval Training Station, at home.

Braves' Line-up For Nats' Game

Manager Bob Coleman of the Boston Braves yesterday announced his starting lineup for Sunday's Red Cross benefit game with the Nats at College Park as follows:

Wietelmann, ss; Ramsey, cf; Shupe, 1b; Gillenwater, rf; Wentzel, lf; Masi, c; Drews, 2b; Shemo, 3b; Hutchings, Wallace and Cozart, p.

Ab Wright, veteran outfielder, joined the squad today.

Subs Refused to Play So MikanCould Set Mark

New York, March 23 (AP).—Here's the inside story on how George Mikan smashed the Madison Square Garden individual basketball scoring record with 53 points and helped DePaul in its record-shattering 97-53 triumph over Rhode Island State Wednesday night:

Ray Meyer, DePaul coach, said today he was ready to send in subs but the second stringers asked that the regulars be kept in as they felt the latter would help Mikan to a new record.

"I didn't want to run up the score," said Meyer, "but when your subs refuse to play what can you do?"

Three of the Cleveland Indians first-string pitchers — Allie Reynolds, Jim Bagby anad Al Smith—tasted competition for the first time this spring in today's intra-squad game.

No official box score was kept, but Smith, veteran southpaw, turned in the best job. He gave no runs and only one hit in six innings. Bagby yielded one run and one hit in three innings, while Reyolds was the wildest in the two innings he pitched. The right-handed strikeout ace, who was bothered by a sore arm last year, issued six bases on balls and allowed two runs on two hits.

NYU, Buckeyes Meet for NCAA Title Tonight

New York, March 23 (AP).—Ohio State and New York University play for the Eastern NCAA basketball championship in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night and seldom have teams with as different styles of attack participated in a title fray.

The New York Violets rely on slick ball-handling, quick cutting and set-shooting for their points. The Ohioans, second to Iowa in the Big Ten race during the season, employ drive-in aggressiveness with emphasis on rebounds.

Big Arnold Risen, 6-foot 9-inch center, is the Buckeyes' leading marksman, getting a majority of his points from the pivot. Adolph Schayes, 16-year-old freshman, is the tallest of the Violet, but he reaches only 6 feet 5½ inches.

However, Al Grenert's presence in the New York lineup makes his club a small favorite. Grenert has broken two school scoring records this season and tied a third. His 271 tallies in a single campaign is the best ever done by an NYU athlete and his 619 for three years also is tops. He tossed in 26 against St. Francis recently to equal another Violet mark.

The Buckeyes moved into the final round by downing Kentucky last night, 45 to 37, while New York U had to show only spasmodic power in downing Tufts, 59 to 44. The losers p lay Saturday night for third place.

The game will be watched by members of the NCAA Rules Committee, who have sessions scheduled for both tomorrow and Sunday.

6 Grid Games Set, 3 Pending for William and Mary

Williamsburg, Va., March 23 (AP). Six games have been scheduled for William and Mary's football team for the 1945 season and three more are pending, Athletic Director R. N. (Rube) McCray announced today. The six games carded are all with members of the Southern Conference.

Two teams, University of Maryland and Virginia Tech, were added to the Tribe slate since last season when VPI had no team and the Indians and Old Liners didn't play. Three of the six games are to be played at Norfolk and two are scheduled for Richmond's city stadium.

Spring football practice has been in progress here for several weeks with Coach McCray getting a fair idea of what he will have to work with next fall. The team has been weakened by the loss of Capt. Tom Mikula, who did an able job of holding down the blocking back post; Jack Bruce, second higher scorer in the conference.

The schedule at present includes:
September 29, pending.
October 6, pending; 13, Virginia Tech, at Richmond; 20, VMI, at Norfolk; 26, North Carolina (night game), at Norfolk.
November 2, Maryland, at Washington (tentative place); 10, North Carolina, at Norfolk; 17, pending; 29, University of Richmond, at Richmond (Thanksgiving).

GoldenAngel Faces Rohde at Turner's

Topped by Joe Savoldi's tangle with Don Evans, the Turner Arena grappling bill Wednesday night also will feature Dutch Rohde against the Golden Angel. Both matches are to be finish encounters, making it one of the season's most attractive muscle mauling shows at the W st. hall.

Boxer Johnny Flynn Gets 1-A Classification

Rochester, N. Y., March 23 (AP).—Heavyweight Johnny Flynn has been placed in 1-A by his Selective Service Board, Flynn's manager, Tom Stanley of Cleveland, said today.

Stanley said the fighter was notified of the reclassification last week, but said Flynn has not been ordered to report for examination or induction. Flynn, who operates a 100-acre farm at Holley, formerly was classified 2-C.

Dodgers' Pete Reiser At Camp Livingston

Alexandria, La., March 23 (AP).—The Camp Livingston baseball team will have Corpl. Harold Patrick (Pete) Reiser, former Brooklyn Dodger centerfielder, as field captain this season. Reiser will start the season at second base. The team won the Eighth Service Command championship last summer.

Revolta's 68 Takes Lead at Greensboro

Greensboro, N. C., March 23 (U.P.). Johnny Revolta, veteran professional from Evanston, Ill., shot a 3-under-par 68 today to take a two-stroke lead in the opening round of the $7500 Greensboro Open Golf tournament.

Driving accurately down the long and dog-legged fairways of the difficult Starmont course and sinking his putts from all angles despite soggy greens, Revolta snared four birdies—three on the second nine—to turn in the best card of the day.

Byron Nelson, the winter season's top money winner, and Sam Byrd, defending champion here, scored 70s. A Raleigh, N. C., amateur, Avery Beck, also turned in a 1-under-par 70.

Crowd Likes Revolta

Revolta, playing in a threesome with Nelson and Georgie Corcoran of Greensboro, stole the cheers of the gallery of more than 1000 persons as he refused to wilt under pressure and got better as he went along.

On the 438-yard first hole, he took three strokes to reach the gren and two-putted for a bogey five, but after that it was par or better on every green.

"My putts were dropping better than they have in a long time," the veteran star grinned when it was over. "If I keep on hitting them the way I did today, I might win this thing."

It was on the greens that Revolta made the shots that put him ahead. He dropped long ones for birdies on the 13th and 14th holes and ended with a 25-foot putt for another birdie on the453-yard, dogleg 18th.

Nelson Has Trouble

Nelson had trouble with his drives, but his usual mastery on the greens, kept him in the running.

One stroke back of Nelson and Byrd were Mike Turnesa, White Plains, N. Y. Jimmy Gauntt of Ardmore, Okla., and Ky Laffoon, Chicago, all of whom carded par 71's.

Sam Snead, tired from hsi gruelling double playoff with Nelson in the Charlotte tournament earlier this week, was badly off his game, shooting a 72. Snead was four over par on the first nine with a 39 but came home with a 33 to keep him only four strokes off Revolta's pace.

Also bunched at 72 were Tony Penna, Dayton, Ohio; Orville White, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Craig Wood, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Joe Taylor, Johnson City, Tenn., and Chick Rutan, Birmingham, Mich.

Grouped at 73 were Wes Ferrell, Greensboro; Jim Gantz, Andover, Mass., and Willie Goggin, White Plains, N. Y.

Yankees' Grimes Faces Army Test

Atlantic City, N. J., March 23 (AP). Oscar Grimes, New York Yankee infielder, must report at the Cleveland induction center next Wednesday for a physical examination, he was notified today by board No. 43 of Lakewood, Ohio. He is classified 1-A.

A transfer of his papers has been requested to make possible the taking of his physical at some point nearer this camp, probably at Camden, N. J.

Three More Join Oriole Nine

Baltimore, March 23 (AP).—Three more players have joined the Baltimore Orioles of the International League, among them Pitcher Rolland Van Slate, First Baseman Bill Kostiuk and Infielder Vince Ricco.

Van Slate helped hurl the Orioles to their International League championship last year. Kostiuk and Ricco played independent ball last year.

Long Fingernails Out In 'Powder-Puff' Tilt

Columbia, S. C., March 23 (AP).—Long, tapered fingernails have been ruled out of the "Powder Puff" bowl football game here tomorrow.

University of South Carolina coeds are staging the football "classic" for charity. The competing sorority teams are Delta Delta Delta and Phi Beta Phi.

Though the nails have been ruled out, the football lassies will be given every opportunity to repair bruised lips, straggling coiffures and dirt-smeared cheeks.

Connecticut Reveals 5-Game Football Chart

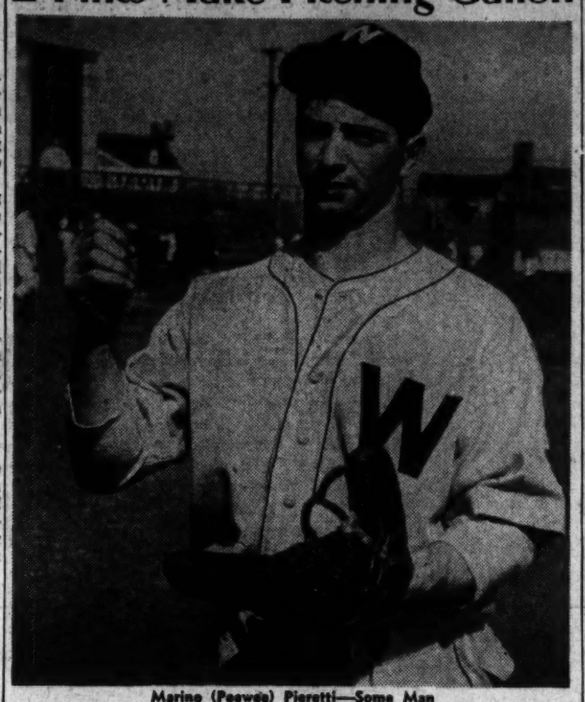
Storrs, Conn., March 23 (U.P.).—The University of Connecticut today announced a five-game 1945 football schedule, with three or four games to be added.

The Muskies, who lost only to Bates in 1944, will meet Lehigh for the first time this year.

The schedule: September 29, Bates; October 20, at Maine; 27, Lehigh; November 3, Middlebury; 10, New Hampshire.

Little But Loud:

Pieretti, Haefner May Prove 2 Pints Make Pitching Gallon



Marino (Peewee) Pieretti—Some Man

"A couple of pints," shouted a fan at College Park yesterday as the Nats practiced. He was referring to Mickey Haefner and Peewee Pieretti, the 5 feet 7 inch pitching twins.

Haefner proved quick on the draw when he replied, "Yes we may be a couple of pints, but remember, two pints made a quart and there's liable to be quarts sitting around on the bench when we're in action."

Manager Ossie Bluege thinks a lot of his couple of Mr. Five-by-Sevens. He knows what Haefner can do in the big leagues by past performances and he believes he knows what Pieretti can do.

Like Mickey, Peewee is some man. If there is anything in a baseball way he doesn't know he has not shown it since he has been at camp. Yesterday he gave a demonstration of fielding the position that was well-nigh perfect and his form in batting practice spelled business in capital letters.

Right-Handed Haefner

"The right-handed Haefner" is Nick Altrock's definition of the diminutive Italian-American who virtually pitched the Portland Club into the Pacific Coast League playoffs last year with his won 26, lost 13 record.

The management of the Beavers believes that prejudice against pint-sized pitchers cost the club a goodly sum. Pieretti has been big league material for two years, it is said, but when scouts looked at his measurements they turned away.

"We should have gotten $50,000 for him and now Groffith gets him for the draft price of $7500. Why do we put up with the draft anyway," raved one Portland official.

Haefner Success Paved Way

Haefner was wasting away his time in the minors, too, before the Nats got up nerve enough to try him. It was the fact that Haefner made good that led the Washington Club into selecting the little San Francisco fellow.

Winning 26 games is a fair record in any league and Pieretti took many of them the hard way. Four were won by scores of 4-3; the same number were 2-1; another was 1-0 and he also won a 5-4 and a 6-5 contest. Thus in 11 of his victories he had to fight home by a single tally. Four of his losses were by one run and twice Portland was shut out with him on the hill.

Peewee pitched seven shutouts, was knocked out of the box only four times and one of those went into the record as a victory for him.

Native of Italy

Pierettie is a native of Italy and came to this country with his parents when 9 months old.

He began his career in the old Arizona-Texas League with El Paso. When he reached the Nats' camp he renewed acquaintances with Lieut. Bert Shepard, the one-legged pitcher, who played against Pieretti in the same circuit while with the Bisbee Club.

Pieretti is little, folks, but he's going to be loud, if you know what I mean.—HAIGHT.

Nats' LefevreTakes Exam at Boston

Pawtucket, R. I., March 23 (AP).—Wilfred "Lefty" Lefevre, who pitched for the Washington Nats last year, went to Boston with other inductees today to take his physical examination.

Lefevre said he had not planned to join the Nats this year but would stay on his war job in the event he was not inducted.

Kearns Pleads Innocent to Mail Fraud

New York, March 23 (AP).—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey when he was heavyweight champion, pleaded innocent in Federal court today to a 26-count indictment charging mail fraud, violatino of the Securities Exchange Act and conspiracy.

Judge Alfred C. Coxe released Kearns in $3500 bail and set April 16 for his trial with Harry (Packy) Lennon, boxer now fighting removal from Chicago, and Gloria Carruthers, who performed as an astrologist under the name of Princess Zulieka and who is not in custody. Both were named as codefendants.

They are charged with defrauding investors of approximately $150,000 in securities of the Federal Fyr-Ex Co., Inc., and with making false representations that the United States Navy and British government were purchasers of equipment manufactured by the company.

After the arraignment today Kearns said he did not know what the indictment was "all about." He said he had not done any business with the company for more than three years, although he had acted as its Pacific Coast representative for a short time.

John Long Elected ToNIBACommittee

Johnny Long, who is on leave as heal basketball coach at Catholic University, has been named to the executive committee of the National Intercollegiate Basketball Association, it was announced yesterday by Emil S. Liston, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Other members elected to the committee were Bob Brumbley, Eastern Washington College, Cheney, Wash.; Gus Miller, West Texas State College, Canyon, Tex., and Lee Prather, Northwest Louisiana State College, Matchitoches, La.

Frank Casey, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, was named president.

The NIBA annually sponsors a national college basketball tournament in Kansas City, Mo., bringing together 16 of the Nation's leading teams. This season's championship was captured by Loyola University of the South, New Orleans.

The committee will meet at an early date to make plans for the 1946 tournament, probably late next month, here.

National Hunt, Field Trials Set for Nov. 11

Lexington, Ky., March 23 (AP).—Directors of the National Foxhunters Association today set November 11 as the tentative date for the organization's annual hunt and field trials.

The site of the hunt trials will be selected later. National President John H. Allen of Iuka, Miss., said after a meeting of the directors here that invitations had been received from Paducah, Ky., Florence, Ala., Columbus, Miss., Paris, Tenn., and Swampscott, Mass. The hunt has been held at Paducah for the last three years.

Budge's Greatest Thrill Net Win Over German

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 23 (AP).—Looking back, Lieut. Don Budge says his greatest thrill was an uphill victory over a German—on the tennis court.

In the 1937 Davis Cup matches the lanky redhead trailed Gottfried Von Cramm 1-4 in the fifth set after they had split the first four.

"I'll never know just how I managed to go ahead and win it at 8-6," said Budge. The Tennis star is now at the overseas replacement depot at Kearns, Utah.

Bluege Beset With Several Infield Tasks

By Walter Haight
Post Staff Writer

The Nats start their long spring training schedule today, meeting the Cutlers at the Curtis Bay (Md.) Coast Guard station starting at 2:30 p. m. The club moves into this game with two problems—infield and catching. The pitching shortage seems to have been overcome and enough outfield talent is on hand, but with the exception of Joe Kuhel at first, the infield is as spotty as a leopard and Al Evans is the only catcher on hand of big league caliber.

Second base would be OK if Manager Ossie Bluege was satisfied with his protection at shortstop for George Myatt plays an acceptable keystone sack. However, the Nats' pilot has indicated that Pedro Gomez and Eddie Beihl are not coming up to expectations in the short field.

Bluege was true to his word of putting Beihl, the youngster from Pittsburgh U, in the spot and letting him stay there until he showed weakness. Charlie has come up with an uncertain arm on throws aimed at first base. He heaves the ball to other bases with accuracy, however.

Gomez Hitting Well

Gomez, with added weight, apparently is a better player than last year, but apparently Bluege may pass him up although the Cuban has been hitting the ball on the nose in batting practice.

Yesterday, Bluege devoted much time to relays from the outfield and surprised by putting Myatt in shortstop and sending Fred Vaughn to second base. Vaughn was a hitter of the fence-busting type before he suffered a foot injury. He is shipshape once more, according to Trainer Mike Martin. Bluege seemingly wants to make use of his stickwork. Of course the training games will mean a lot, but from all appearances it looks as though Bluege and Coach Clyde Milan have come to the conclusion that Vaughn and Myatt are the boys to flank second.

Layne May Cinch Third

Harlond Clift, said to be on the way here, may have a fight on his hands to dislodge Hillis Hayne from third, even if Clift's arm is in good shape. Layne has been playing the hot corner as if he owned real estate there and also has shown to advantage in batting drills.

Jose ZZardon,formerly known a Jose Sanchez, probably will start the season in a reserve outfield role, although he has shown enough to break into the line-up. He starred in the workout yesterday, throwing from center to third and home with keen accuracy. He charged in for short hits in approved fashion and gets the ball away fast.

Walter Chipple, the outfielder from Montreal, looks and acts like a ballplayer and should be one of the five gardeners to be carried by the club, figuring of course that Stan Spence falls to put in appearance. George Case, Jake Powell and Bingo Binks sem fixtures with the club for the season.

Fifteen Nats Make Trip Today

The Nats wil take 15 players to Curtis Bay today and Bluege has named Louis Aloma, Santiago Ullrich and Al Rossi as the pitchers. Others making the trip are Outfielders Zardon, Powell, Delaville, Binks;fieldersZardon,Poell,Delavill Binks; Infielders Langley, Butka, Beihl, Gomez, Layne; Catchers Evans and Carrier.

The others will work out at College Park, starting at 10 a. m. and will be in charge of Coach Milan.

Bluege has named his knuckleball trio of Dutch Leonard, John Niggeling and Roger Wolf to pitch against the Braves in the Red Cross benefit game at College Park tomorrow, starting at 2:30 p. m.

BETWEEN GRUNTS—Bill Martin, the young catcher recommended by Dutch Leonard, is a giant of a fellow. . . . He was 17 a week ago today; stands 6 feet 2 and weighs over 200. . . . Starred at Carlonsville (Ill.) High in baseball, football and basketball and won the novice Golden Gloves heavyweight title in Springfield last winter. . . . He has buddied-up with Al Rossi, the young Trenton pitcher. . . . Jim Boyer, who is serving his second year as an American League umpire, came over from his Baltimore home. . . . He will work the Nats' spring games. . . . Lieut. Bert Shepard pitched to batters; took two turns at hitting. . . . George Case will swing into competitive action tomorrow against the Braves. . . . He is hitting well, but favors his left shoulder on doctor's orders. . . . Bluege cut down the squad, letting go several of the tryout boys who have been around. . . . The hardest worker at the camp so far has been Pete Beckner, a big Coast Guardsman who toils as batting-practice catcsher. . . . Pete, who weighs over 200, hasn't lost an ounce either. . . . Bingo Binks, former Milwaukee outfielder, looks as if he will do. . . . President Griffith is beginning to get sore about the nonappearance of Catcher Fermin Guerra and Infielder Gil Torres.

Fork Union Nine Faces 15-Game Schedule

Fork Union, Va., March 23 (AP). Fork Union Military Academy's 15-game baseball schedule includes:

April 10, at St. Christopher's, Richmond; 14, Augusta, at home; 17, Hargrave, at home; 21, Staunton M. A., there; 25, VMI, at home; 28, Benedictine, at Richmond.

May 1, at Woodberry Forest; 5, Augusta, there; 9, Benedictine, at home; 11, St. Christopher's, at home; 12, RMA, at home; 15, Hargrave, there; 16, VMI, there; 18-19, Greenbrier Military School, at Lewisburg, W. Va.

Norton Likes Texas A. & M., but May Go to U. C. L. A.

College Station, Tex., March 23 (AP).—Homer Morton, head man of Texas A. and M. football for more than decade, isn't talking other than that he's "perfectly satisfied" with his present job, but there are strong indications he'll turn up as head coach of University of California at Los Angeles next fall.

UCLA's athletic council is due to select a mentor March 28 to succeed the resigned Babe Horrell.

Norton, reported to have been offered the position, said, "I picked A. and M. 11 years ago and have been happy here. I'd hate to leave Texas and the Southwest. I have a contract for five years."

But from Los Angeles comes the report that Norton has asked for $2000 more a year than the reported $12,500 paid Horrell. The reason is obvious. Norton's salary here is $10,000. It is indicated that bonuses from bowl games would bring his salary to around the figure paid Horrell. The Aggies have been in four bowl games in the past six years.

Norton's present contract expires in September. The board of directors recently voted a new five-year contract. But it isn't believed the board would want to hold him to it if he had a better opportunity elsewhere.

While the Aggie coach wouldn't say he had even been approached by UCLA he did answer the question "should you be offered $15,000 a year to coach somewhere else what would you do?" with "now that would be something else."

Norton produced three undefeated teams at Centenary in seven years before coming to A. and M., where he had an unbeaten outfit in 1939 and in 11 seasons won two Southwest Conference titles and a tie for another.

Today's Radio Programs

Saturday — Washington — Eastern War Time

	WMAL 630	WRC 980	WOL 1260	WINX 1340	WWDC 1450	WTOP 1500
	Today's Prelude, 6:05. News, 6, 7, 8:30. Town Clock, 7:10-7:45 8-9. Wills, 7:45.	Bill Herson, 6:05, 7:15, 8:15, 8:35. News, 6, 7, 7:55 and 8:30. World Roundup, 8.	Sign On and Music, 5:30. News, 5:45, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30. Art Brown, 6:35-9.	Jerry Strong, 6-7, 7:45-8. News 6, 7, 7:30, 8.	News, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30. Bob Ellis, 6-6:30, 7-73:0, 7:35-9.	Corn Squeezing Time, 5:45, 6:45. News, 6:45, 7:30 & 8. Godfrey, 7-9:15. Mahoney, 7:40-50.
9 :00	Breakfast Club	Home Is What You Make It	News; Art Brown	News; Music	Music Salon	News, Arthur Godfrey
:15	" "	News; Benghart	Brown at the Organ	Music in the Air	" "	Home Service Daily
:30	" "	Encores	Musical Bouquet	Alice Lane	" "	Garden Gate
:45	" "		" "	" "	" "	Junior Board
10 :00	What's Cooking	Melody Cruise	News	News; Music Hall	Bing Crosby	Youth on Parade
:15	" " News	" "	Rainbow House	Music Hall	Good Neighbor Club	" "
:30	Calling All Girls	Story to Order	" "	" "	" " "	Mary Lee Taylor
:45	Bud Ward	Down Memory Lane	" "	" "	" "	" "
11 :00	" "	First Piano Quartet	News, Billy Repaid	News; Symphony	Morning Matinee	News; Let's Pretend
:15	" "	" "	Arlington on	Bach's	Rosebud Junior Chorus	Let's Pretend
:30	Betty Moore	Smilin' Ed McConnell	the Air	Double Concerto	Junior Amateurs	Billie Burke Show
:45	Chatham Shopper	" "	Music for Luncheon	Menuhin and Enesco	" "	" "
12 :00	News; Evans	News; Improvisations	Hello Mom	News	Dixie Jamboree	Theater of Today
:15	Ear Teasers	Consumer Time	" "	Hollywood News	" "	" " "
:30	Your Home	Alex Dreier	Bing Crosby	Luncheon Lyrics	All Sports Parade	Stars Over Hollywood
:45	And Garden	Look to This Day	Red Cross Reporter	Once Upon a Time	Dixie Jamboree	" "
1 :00	Na'l Children's Frolic	Music as You Like It	News	WINX News	All Sports Parade	Grand Central Station; News
:15	" " "	" " "	Russ Hodges	Musical Bouquets	Tony Wakeman	" " "
:30	Little Show	The Baxters	Symphonies for Youth	" "	All Sports Parade	Report to the Nation
:45	News; Evans	War Telescope	" "	" "	Tony Wakeman	" "
2 :00	Metropolitan Opera-	Musicana	" " "	News; Judge Rhythm	All Sports Parade	Jimmy Dorsey's Orch.
:15	"Carmen"	" "	" " "	Judge Rhythm	Tony Wakeman	Terry Allen
:30	Lilly Djanel	Grant Rice, Sports	George Sterney's	Clean Up Georgetown	All Sports Parade	Carolina Hayride
:45	Raoul Jobin	" " "	Orchestra	Judge Rhythm	Tony Wakeman	" "
3 :00	Francesco Valentino	Orchestra of	News; Russ Hodges	WINX News	All Sports Parade	The Land Is Bright
:15	Licia Albanese	The Nations	Russ Hodges	T for Two	Tony Wakeman	" " "
:30	Thelma Votipka	" " " "	Les Elgart's	" " "	All Sports Parade	Military Training
:45	" "	" " "	Orchestra	" " "	Tony Wakeman	Job for Tomorrow
4 :00	" "	Doctor's Look Ahead	News, Charles Hodges	News; Rhythm Range	All Sports Parade	Washington Report
:15	" "	" " "	Russ Hodges	Rhythm Range	Tony Wakeman	Overseas Report
:30	" "	Novelette	Music	Jam for Supper	All Sports Parade	Assignment Home
:45	" "	Radio Reporter	" "	" " "	Tony Wakeman	" "
5 :00	" "	Grand Hotel	News; Russ Hodges	News; Music Hall	Band of the Day	Philadelphia Orch.
:15	" "	" "	Russ Hodges	Music Hall	All Sports Parade	" "
:30	" "	John W. Vandercook	Saturday Jam Session	" "	News; Tony Wakeman	" "
:45	Little Show	Tin Pan Alley	" " "	" "	All Sports Parade	" "
6 :00	News; First Call	News; Leif Eld	News; Music	WINX News	News; Health Forum	Mahoney, Costello
:15	First Call	Musicade	Frank Young, Piano	Sunset Serenade	Mental Health Forum	Battle of Bureaus
:30	Martin Agronsky	Dutch Bergman	Alvino Rey's Orch.	Music by	Ian Ross MacFarlane	" "
:45	Labor, U.S.A.	News, Bennett	Russ Hodges	Horace Heidt	All Sports Parade	World Today; News
7 :00	Miss Flowers, Inc.	Our Foreign Policies	Am. Eagle in Britain	WINX News	Crowley's Bible Quiz	Mayor of the Town
:15	Leland Stowe	" " "	" " "	St. Sophia, Church	" "	" " "
:30	Meet Your Navy	"The Saint"	Hawaii Calls	Symphonetta	Fullness of Time	America in the Air
:45	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "
8 :00	Early American	Gaslight Gayeties	News, Singiser	News; Short but Sweet	Penny for	Danny Kaye Show
:15	Dance Music	" "	Music for Remembr.	U. F. W.	Your Thoughts	" "
:30	Boston Symphony	Truth or	Detroit Symphony	Town Opera House	News; 1450 Club	F. B. I. In Peace
:45	(Richard Burgin)	Consequences	" "	" "	1450 Club	and War; News
9 :00	" "	National Barn Dance	" "	News; Symphony	Richard Eaton	Your Hit Parade
:15	" "	" " "	" "	Mendelssohn's	" "	" " "
:30	Spot Light Bands	Can You Top This?	Mysterious Traveler	Concerto in C	News; 1450 Club	" " "
:45	(Mal Hallett)	" " "	" "	Szigeti	1450 Club	Saturday Serenade
10 :00	Andy Russell	Judy Canova Show	Chicago Theater	News; Let's Dance	" "	" "
:15	" "	" " "	" "	Let's Dance	" "	Al Pearce Show
:30	Jimmy Dorsey	Grand Ole' Op'y	" "	" "	News; Rhapsody	" " "
:45	" "	" " "	" "	" "	Rhapsody in Rhythm	Wm. L. Clayton
11 :00	News; Evans	News; Music	News; Jamboree	News; Let's Dance	Hits of the Day	News; Maj. Eliot
:15	Hour of Dreams	Religion in News	Shady Valley	Let's Dance	" "	Arch McDonald's
:30	" " "	I Sustain The Wings	" "	Traffic Court	News; Hits	Moondial
:45	" " "	" " "	" "	" "	Hits of the Day	Mel Cooper's Orch.

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IT IS STILL DARK FAR ACROSS THE HUMP IN INDIA... IN THE WAC BARRACKS, SERGEANT JANE ALLEN STIRS IN HER SLEEP...

MARY WORTH

A WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE LYRIC LAYNE CAME TO WORK AS MATHEW BRAND'S SECRETARY, AND TODAY--
I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW MORNING, MR. BRAND!
THAT'S FINE, LYRIC! YOU'VE CLEANED UP ALL YOUR LETTERS, I SEE!
PARDON MY VULGAR CURIOSITY, MATT--BUT HOW COMES THE HALF-HOLIDAY?
ER--IT'S AN AGREEMENT, JACK!--SHE--UH--GETS EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON OFF!
FOR WHAT? MAYBE SHE GOES TO REPORT TO YOUR COMPETITORS? THERE'S SOMETHING--OFF KEY--ABOUT MISS LYRIC!
MM! SHE SAID IT WAS--PERSONAL BUSINESS!--I WONDER--!
MRS. WORTH!--WILL YOU PUT YOUR WRAPS ON QUICKLY! I HAVE AN--ERRAND--FOR YOU!

MICKEY FINN

ALL RIGHT, MULROONEY--GO AROUND BACK!
HELLO, MRS. BEEMAN! WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO--AH--BILL, AGAIN!
OH, NO! MY HUSBAND SAID IF YOU CAME BACK, TO TELL YOU THAT BILL'S LAWYER DOES ALL HIS TALKING!
MRS. BEEMAN--WE'RE HERE TO PLACE BILL UNDER ARREST! WE'RE TAKING HIM AWAY WITH US!
UNDER ARREST? F-FOR WHAT?
FOR BURGLARY! HE'S WANTED IN A NUMBER OF STATES!
?

MYRTLE

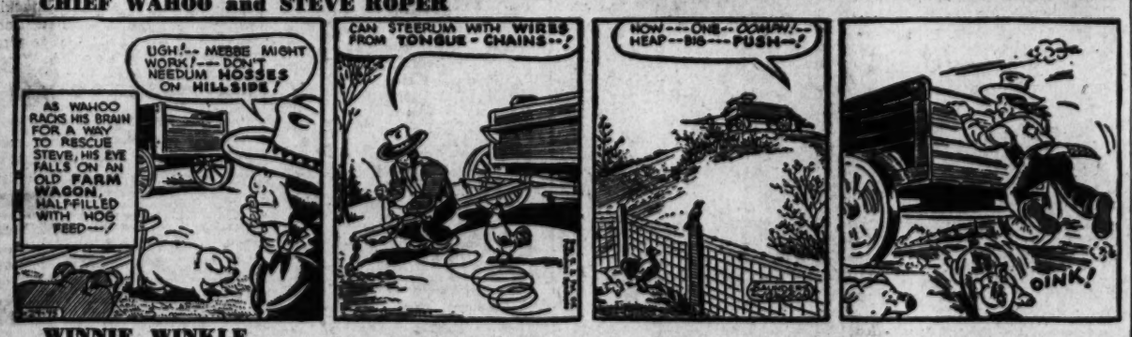
WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS LINOLEUM! IT'S THE THIRD TIME I'VE CAUGHT MY HEEL!
?
I'VE GOT SAMPSON WORKING ON IT. HE'S GOOD AT FIXING THINGS!
WHAM!
BANG! BANG!
HEY, MYRTLE! I'M ALL DONE!
CAUTION

DIXIE DUGAN

DON WINSLOW

WHAT'S IT SAY, SKIPPER?
WINSLOW, STOP WASTING YOUR TIME. THE CHINAMAN AND GIRL ARE INNOCENT--I KILLED JOHN MAPLE! COME AND GET ME, SIGNED, THE WHISP!
THE WHISP!
I STILL THINK THEY'RE GUILTY AND THE NOTE'S A PHONEY!

CHIEF WAHOO and STEVE ROPER


UGH!--MEBBE MIGHT WORK!--DON'T NEEDUM HOSSES ON HILLSIDE!
AS WAHOO RACKS HIS BRAIN FOR A WAY TO RESCUE STEVE, HIS EYE FALLS ON AN OLD FARM WAGON, HALF-FILLED WITH HOG FEED--!
CAN STEERUM WITH WIRES FROM TONGUE-CHAINS--!
NOW---ONE--OOMAH!--HEAP--BIG---PUSH--!
OINK!

WINNIE WINKLE

WOULD YOU LIKE THE RITSWANK HOTEL FOR LUNCHEON, MISS DRIP?
OH, MR. DEY, YOU'RE SPERLING ME!!
AN' THIS ELEGANT ORCHARD CORSARGE! YOU SHOULDN'T OF WENT AN' DONE IT, REE-AHLY---
WELL, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE DAISY LUNCHING AT THE RITSWANK--- AND WEARING ORCHIDS, NO LESS!!
NOW, NOW, SUSIE--GIVE THE LITTLE GAL A BREAK!!

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

THE MAN'S DELIRIOUS--BELIEVING HE WAS SHOT BY A MUSKETEER WHO'S BEEN DEAD 300 YEARS!
GOLLY, MAYBE HE'S NOT--LOOK AT WHAT I FOUND!--AND IT'S STILL RUNNING!
A 17TH CENTURY WATCH! STRANGE THAT A DISGUISED ROBBER WOULD GO IN FOR SUCH PRICELESS DETAILS!
GHOST OR NOT--THIS IS A CHANCE FOR ME TO SCRAM!

DONALD DUCK

CRANBERRY BOGGS

SO, YE WANT TO TAKE OUT A FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR POLICY YER SELF, NAMING WOODCHUCK WILSON AS YER BENEFICIARY, EH, CRANBERRY?
UH-HUH--T-T-THAT'S RIGHT, MR. NOODLEDROOP.
ALL RIGHT, HERE YE BE. NOW THE PREMIUMS ARE THIRTY-FIVE CENTS A WEEK--
OKAY, HERE'S TH' FIRST INSTALLMENT.
YE BOTH BE BLESSED WITH GOOD JUDGEMENT--ALWAYS REMEMBER, AN INSURANCE POLICY PREPARES YE FER THAT PROVERBIAL RAINY DAY-
INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS
SUFFERIN' SARDINES--LOOK--RAIN DROPS--A-A-A-I-R-E-A-D-Y!
WOT'S TH' MATTER CRAN?

JOE PALOOKA

WE'RE DRIFTIN' RIGHT TOGETHER. IF I STAND UP THEY MIGHT POP ME--
I'D RATHER STAND UP AN' GO DOWN SHOOTIN'--BUT THERE'S JERRY T'THINK OF-- NO SIGN OF LIFE--IT'S A TRICK--
DEAR READER--:
WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW, JOE PALOOKA IS THE ONLY COMIC STRIP CHARACTER USED IN THE LANGUAGE AND CUSTOM GUIDES USED BY THE TROOPS OVERSEAS. JOE IS ALSO USED OFFICIALLY BY THE ARMY FOR TEACHING HYGIENIC MEASURES, CONSERVATION OF MATERIEL, SUCH AS SAVING OF AMMUNITION, SUPPLIES ETC., MORALE TALKS, INDOCTRINATION AND MANY OTHER PURPOSES.
THE WAR WRITERS BOARD INFORMS US THAT THE JOE PALOOKA STRIP IS SERVICED TO 1300 SERVICE PAPERS AND OUR SPECIAL STRIP DRAWN FOR MORALE AND INCENTIVE TALKS TO WORKERS GOES TO 2600 INDUSTRIAL HOUSE ORGANS AND MAGAZINES.
JOE ORIGINALLY WENT INTO UNIFORM IN 1939.
HAM FISHER

THE SEA HOUND

SUPERMAN

HOLD OFF, MICHAEL, ME FINE FRIEND, AND LOOK ALOFT!
A HALLUCINATION--OWING UNDOUBTEDLY TO THAT LAST BLOW YE STRUCK ME IN THE HEAD!
WE'LL ALL BE CRUSHED!
TAKE COVER! RUN!
A PERFECT FORWARD PASS, EVEN IF I DID THROW IT MYSELF! AND IT CERTAINLY CLEARED THE STREETS OF THE RIOTERS!

NAPOLEON

Sales Up 25% In Pre-Easter Splurge Here

By S. Oliver Goodman

Pre-Easter sales continued at exceptionally high levels in Washington during the week ended March 17, with volume of leading department stores showing a gain of 25 per cent over the corresponding 1944 week, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond reported yesterday.

Summerlike temperatures brought buyers out in large force during the past week and, despite inadequate stocks in some lines, retail sales were at record levels for this time of the year.

The upsurge was general throughout the Fifth Reserve District, according to the bank's statisticacl survey. For the week ended March 17, department-store sales in the region were 24 per cent higher than in the like 1944 period.

For the four weeks ended March 17 Washington store sales averaged 21 per cent larger, and the Fifth District volume showed a 22 per cent gain over the same 1944 period.

Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., in its current retail report, said that seasonal apparel lines showed the greatest volume.

'Pre-Easter sales in women's ready-to-wear and accessories," the agency said, "have been very large. Men's wear sales are moderately over a year ago."

Business Briefs Of D. C. Interest

Living Costs Again Rise

Living costs for the average family of wage-earners and lower-salaried clerical workers in the United States were two tenths of 1 per cent lower in February than in January, but 1.9 per cent higher than a year ago, the National Industrial Conference Board reported yesterday.

The board's index stood at 105.5 in February (1923 equals 100), 22.7 per cent above January, 1941, base period of the Little Steel formula.

A decline of eight tenths of 1 per cent in the cost of food during February more than offset increases of one tenth of 1 per cent in clothing, three tenths of 1 per cent in fuel and light, and two tenths of 1 per cent in sundries, the report said.

Dividend Is Increased

Directors of the Seaboard Finance Corp. have declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents a share on common stock, as compared with the previous dividend of 10 cents a share in December. The regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share was voted on preferred stock. Both dividends are payable March 31 to stockholders of record March 20.

Groom Again Heads Unit Drive

Thomas J. Groom, chairman of the District banking division of the General War Finance Committee, yesterday was reappointed head of the American Bankers Association Committee for Washington.

As head of the District section of the ABA and as chairman of the banking division of the local War Finance Committee, Mr. Groom yesterday commented that meeting the 113-million-dollar quota for the District in the Seventh War Loan program will do much to mitigate inflationary trends.

Mr. Groom said he expected to have local committee members who served during the Sixth War Loan program continue in that capacity during the Seventh "People's Bond" drive.

Earnings Statements

Continental Oil Co. and Consolidated subsidiaries report for 1944 net earnings of $12,020,527, equal to $2.57 a capital share, compared with $14,080,702, or $3 a share, in 1943. Sales of refined products in 1944 crossed the billion-gallon mark, totaling 1,010,505,551 gallons, compared with 912,333,652 in 1943.

Parke, Davis & Co., chemists, reports for 1944 net profit of $7,607,079, equal to $1.55 a share, compared with $8,225,197 after inventory reserves of $500,000, equal to $1.68 a share, in 1943.

Best & Co., department store, reports for the fiscal year ended January 31 net profit of $1,115,570, equal to $3.72 a share, compared with $1,225,572, or $4.09 a share, in the preceding year.

General Cable Corp. reports for 1944 net profit of $2,195,549, equal to $14.63 a share on the preferred stock on which arrears amounted to $52.50 at the end of the year. This compared with profit of $2,078,116, or $13.83 a preferred share, in 1943.

Advertisement

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION
for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Schindler's
PEANUT BUTTER
--Flavorful!

N. Y. Bonds

By the Associated Press

Total sales, $5,831,000; previous day, $6,890,000; week ago, $9,219,000; year ago, $9,851,300; two years ago, $26,085,500; January 1 to date, $706,819,100; year ago, $898,506,050; two years ago, $992,769,450.

Dow-Jones Bonds

New York, March 23.—

40 bonds	106.82	+0.08
10 highre grade rails	115.25	+0.25
10 second grade rails	95.54	+0.06
10 public utilities	109.22	+0.02
10 industrials	107.27	-0.02

Sales in thousands | High | Low | Close

CORPORATION BONDS			
19 Am&F P 2030	99⅛	98¾	99
13 Am T&T 3 '56	122⅛	121¾	122⅛
10 Armour&Co 4½ '75	103	103	103
5 A T S F 4 '95	131½	131½	131½
7 ACL 1st 4½ '52	109¼	109	109¼
6 ACL 4½ '64	107⅞	107⅞	107⅞
42 B & O '95 A	79⅛	79	79
18 B & O 2000 D	79¼	78¾	79¼
16 B & O '96 F	79¼	78¾	79¼
117 B & O cv '60	68¾	68	68¾
28 B & O 4 '48	103¼	103	103⅜
17 Buf R&P '57 A	78¾	78½	78¾
17 BCR&N 5 '34	35¼	35	35¼
18 Can P 4 perp	102⅛	102½	102⅛
16 Cen G cn 5 '45	85⅝	85⅛	85⅛
9 Cen Pac 5 '60	102⅝	102½	102⅝
50 CRR N J 5 '87	42⅜	40⅝	41⅝
6 C & O 3½ '96 D	106⅛	106¼	106⅛
85 Chi & A 3 '49	38	37	37⅛
7 C B & Q e 4 '58	113⅛	113⅛	113⅜
13 C & E I Inc '97	74	73	74
189 C M S P P 5 '75	87	86¼	86⅜
217 C M S P P 5 2000	21⅜	21	21⅜
13 C M S P 4½ '89 C	111⅛	111	111⅛
56 C M S P & P 4 '89	108	107¾	108
59 C & N W 4½ '99	93½	92⅝	92⅝
13 C R I P 4½ '52A	58⅛	58¼	58¼
76 C R I P 4½ '60	15⅛	15	15⅛
16 C R I P 5 '88	85⅛	85	85⅛
199 C R I P I 4 '34	53⅜	52⅜	52⅜
6 Ch & W I 4 '52	109½	109½	109½
17 C C C S L 4½ '77	93½	92	92
17 C U T 4½ '77	106¼	106¼	106⅜
6 Col G 5 '61	106⅛	106	106
10 Con Ed 3½ '48	103	103	103
19 Del & H 4 '63	104⅛	103⅜	104⅛
7 Del P L 3 '73	108⅜	108¼	108¼
45 D & R G 4 '36	63½	63	63½
8 D & R G W 5 '55	10⅜	10⅜	10⅜
8 Erie 4½ 2015	96⅛	96⅛	96⅛
11 Fla E C 3 '74	64⅛	64⅛	64⅛
16 Hud C 5 '62 A	77	76⅞	76⅞
2 H & M r 5 '57	71¼	71¼	71¼
20 H & M inc 5 '57	38¾	38½	38¾
10 I C 4 '53	94	93½	93⅝
7 I C 4 '55	98	97½	98
19 I C 4¾ '66	84⅝	84¼	84¼
53 ICCSL 5 '63 A	90⅞	89½	90⅛
29 ICCSL 4½ '63	86¼	85½	86⅛
23 Int GN 5 '52	31	30½	31
10 Int GN 1st 6 '52	73	72¾	73
9 Int GN 5 '56 B	68	67⅛	68
10 Int RE 6 '44	84¼	84	84
16 Int T&T 4½ '52	101¼	101	101⅛
13 Leh VHT 5 '54	81½	81	81
20 Leh V 5 2003 st	63⅜	63	63⅜
34 Leh V 4½ 2003	57⅛	57⅛	57⅛
24 Leh V 4 2003	55½	55	55½
11 MSP&SSMarie 4 '91	77⅛	77¼	77⅛
44 M-K-T 5 '62 A	92	91½	91½
38 M-K-T aJ 5 '67	89⅛	88¾	88¾
112 M-K-T 1st 4 '90	90	89¾	90
49 Mo P 5½ '49	17⅞	17	17¼
12 Mo P 5 '65 A	79¾	79¼	79¾
61 Mo P 5 '77 F	79¾	79	79⅜
99 Mo P 5 '78 G	79¾	79	79⅜
34 Mo P 5 '80 H	79⅛	78⅝	79⅛
14 Mo P 5 '81 I	79¼	79	79¼
42 Mo P 5 '75	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛
14 Mor & E 4½ '55	69⅛	68¾	69
24 Mor & E 3½ 2000	69	68¾	69
24 N Y C r 5 2013	94¼	94	94
55 NYC 4½ 2013 A	88⅛	84¾	85¼
39 N Y C cn 4 '98	78¾	78⅛	78⅜
18 NYC&StL 4½ '78	103⅜	103¼	103½
18 NYNHH 6 '48	65⅛	65	65⅛
17 NYNHH 4½ '67	62¾	62¾	62¾
13 NYNHH 4 '55	61⅛	61	61⅛
12 NYNHH 4 '56	61¼	61	61¼
39 NYOW r 4 '92	20½	20½	20½
10 NYWB 4½ '46	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛
8 Norf S 5 2014	59¾	59¼	59¼
20 Norf & W 4½ '96	107	106⅞	107
23 Nor P 5 2047 D	101	100⅞	101
15 Nor P 4½ 2047	97¾	97⅛	97⅛
3 Nor P 4 '97	114⅞	114⅞	114⅞
15 Nor P 3 2047	78⅞	78⅜	78⅜
39 OWRRN 3 '60	106	105⅞	106
5 Pen RR e 5 '68	133	132½	133
5 Pen RR e 4½ '81	125	124⅝	125
23 Pn R & I 6 '64	228½	227½	228
18 Phil Ry 4 '37	21	20½	21
7 Rdg 4½ '97 A	105⅝	105⅛	105⅝
10 St LIMB 4½ '33	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛
35 St L SF 5 '50 B	58¼	57⅜	58⅛
403 St L SF 4½ '78	42⅛	41½	41¾
236 St L SF 4 '50 A	55⅛	54⅛	54⅝
6 Sea A L c 6 '45	103	103	103
31 Sea A L 4½ '50 st	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛
18 Sea-AF 6 35 A	39	38¾	39
5 SBT & T 3 '79	110⅛	109¾	110⅛
33 So Pac 4½ '68	94½	93¾	94
40 So Pac 4½ '81	94½	94	94½
50 So Pac 4½ '69	94⅝	93½	94⅜
12 So Pac r 4 '55	106⅛	105⅞	106⅛
49 So Pac 4½ Or '77	99⅝	99¼	99⅜
7 Sou Ry c 6 '56	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝
13 Sou Ry cn 5 '94	130⅛	130⅛	130⅛
11 Sou Ry c 4 '56	99	98⅞	99
3 Std O NJ 2¾ '53	104	104	104
8 Tex Corp 3 '65	107⅛	107¼	107⅛
18 Th Ave 5 '50	54½	54	54
5 Wab 4½ '91	88½	88	88
13 Wab 4 '81	99⅛	99	99⅛
11 W Sh 4 2361	91	90⅝	91
9 W Md 4 '52	106⅛	106¼	106⅛
41 Westn Pac 4½ 2041	101⅝	101	101⅝
8 Wh Stl 3½ '66	102⅛	102⅛	102⅛
75 Wis Cen 4½ '49	82⅝	82	82⅛
42 Wis C 4 SD 36	31	30¾	30½

France Sends First Cognac, Perfume

New York, March 23 (AP).—The first French cognac and perfume to arrive in this country for 4½ years was unloaded today at the East River—marking resumption of trade between the two nations.

It will take about three months to clear the rare, prewar brandy through customs, price it with the help of the OPA, and distribute it among retailers.

Also aboard the vessel were four cases of perfume and 72 case of Swiss straw hat braid.

Grain Men Urge Rails To Send More Boxcars

Kansas City, March 23 (AP).—A new plea for boxcars to "relieve the most alarming situation in the history of the grain trade" is being made by Western grain and milling men, who ask 2500 cars a day from the East.

Vast stores of grain are in danger of spoiling if not moved to market soon, a statement prepared by 40 grain and milling men to railroad supervisory organizations declares.

N.Y. Port Authority Plans Refinancing

New York, March 23 (AP).—The Port of New York Authority plans an early refunding of its outstanding $28,422,000 sixth series general and refunding bonds through public sale of a new issue of 12 million-dollar bonds and a bank loan of 14 million dollars. Funds on hand will be used to round out the program.

Bids on the new 12 million-dollar bond issue will be opened March 28.

The refunding of this authority followed closely the successful operation of the Tri-Borough Bridge Authority, which sold in record time recently 110 million dollars of new 2 and 2¼ per cent bonds through a Nation-wide banking syndicate.

Timken Net Shows Slight Drop in Year

Canton, Ohio, March 23 (AP)—The Timken Roller Bearing Co. and its wholly owned Canadian subsidiary, British Timken, Ltd., today reported 1944 net income of $6,293,590, equal to $2.60 per common share, compared with $6,429,162, or $2.65 a share for the previous year.

The company said French Timken, another affiliate, resumed production for the Allied forces in the autumn of 1944. The French plant sustained little damage as a result of the war, the concern added.

Iron Ore Stocks Low

Cleveland, March 23 (AP).—Total stocks of iron ore at furnaces and Lake Erie docks on March 1 declined to the lowest point in four years, the Lake Superior Iron Ore Association reported today.

Key Securities Edge Forward In Light Deals

New York, March 23 (AP).—Leading stocks recovered fractionally in today's market—there were a few wider jumps—but slowness of the comeback was discouraging to bullish forces.

Prices hardened after a hesitant opening. Failure of activity to develop brought a little selling in the final hour and top marks were reduced in the majority of cases. The ticker tape stood still at frequent intervals and turnover of 680,000 shares was the smallest for a full session since October 31, last. It compared with 830,000 Thursday.

WHAT STOCKS DID	Fri.	Thurs.
Advances	464	378
Declines	248	291
Unchanged	217	222
Total issues	863	891

Short covering for weekend protection was helpful. Bids also were inspired by earnings and dividend hopes, in addition to the belief the market may have been oversold. Brightening war news again stressed reconversion skepticism and numerous customers held aloof to await the collapse of the Nazis.

The Associated Press 60-stock average was up two tenths of a point, at 60.5, first advance since last Saturday.

Austin Nichols preferred pushed up 9 points on meager odd-lot sales. Plymouth Oil and Hudson Motors touched peaks for 1945.

In front were Southern Railway, Santa Fe, K. C. Southern, General Motors, Chrysler, International Harvester, Gruman Aircraft, Texas Co., International Nickel, Montgomery Ward, Du Pont and J. C. Penney. Losers included Baltimore & Ohio, M-K-T preferred, Bethlehem, United Aircraft, Johns-Manville and North American.

Bonds steadied. At Chicago wheat was off ¾ to 1 cent a bushel, cotton eased 15 to 35 cents a bale.

SEC Authorizes Big Utility Issue

Philadelphia, March 23 (AP).—The Securities and Exchange Commission approved today New York Power and Light Corp.'s plan to offer under competitive bidding $50,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, due 1975, and to issue and sell to its parent, Niagara Hudson Power Corp., 50,000 common stock shares for five million dollars.

The bonds may not be sold until the results of competitive bidding aer reported to the commission and it is notified concerning Niagara Hudson's cancellation of $20,550,000 in advances owed to it by New York Power.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds and common stock, together with other funds, will be used to redeem the outstanding 55 million dollars of 3¾ per cent first mortgage bonds, due 1964, at 107½ per cent plus interest.

Col. Cone Proposes 'Community' Airline

New York, March 23 (AP).—Col. J. Carroll Cone, assistant vice president of Pan American Airways Corp., yesterday proposed that a Government directed, but privately owned, "American community company" be formed to take charge of American air transportation on international airlines.

"The community company would not be a monopoly, nor a 'chosen instrument,' nor Government owned," Cone declared. "This community company would be participated in by all American transportation companies on sea, land and in the air who are able to contribute. They would all be invited to participate, under the direction and supervision of the Government, but it would remain privately owned."

U. S. Paper Production Is 89% of Capacity

New York, March 23 (AP).—United States paper production was 89.4 per cent of mill capacity for the week ending March 17, compared with 87.7 per cent for the preceding week and 90.7 per cent for the corresponding week a year ago, the American Paper and Pulp Association announced today.

Paperboard production was 95 per cent for the week compared with 94 per cent for the preceding week and 95 per cent for the corresponding week in 1944, the report said.

Naval Stores

Savannah, Ga., March 23 (AP).—TURPENTINE—81 cents a gallon; offerings, 29 (50-gallon barrels); sales, 1450 gallons; receipts, 9 barrels; shipments, 98 barrels; stocks, 17,333 barrels.

ROSIN (100-lb. drums)—Offerings, 17; sales, 17; receipts, 56; shipments, 73; stocks, 2850. Quote: B, 5.05; D, 5.12; E, 5.65; F, 5.75; G, 5.79; H, 5.81; I, 5.81; K, 5.85; M, 5.87; N, 6.03; WG, 6.38; WW, 6.55; X, 6.55.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 23 (AP).—TURPENTINE—Receipts, none; shipments, 2; stocks, 35,488.

ROSIN—Receipts, none; shipments, 3; stocks, 10,169.

Dividend Actions

New York, March 23 (AP).—Dividends declared:

	Rate.	Period.	Stk. of record.	Payable.
Accumulated				
Atl Wat Gas pf	3c		3-20	4-5
Cleve Cl Iron $5 pf	$1.25		3-28	4-4
Feltman & C Sh pf	$4.00		4-1	5-1
Nor Am Inv 6% pf	90c		3-31	4-20
Nor Am In 5½% pf.	$2.75c		3-31	4-20
Increased				
May McEwen Kaiser	35c		5-21	6-1
Irregular				
Cannon Shoe	10c		3-23	4-2
Regular				
All-Penn Oil & Gas	2½c		4-6	4-16
Am For Invest	25c		3-31	4-30
Babcock & Wilcox	75c		4-14	4-30
Boeing Airplane	$1.00		4-4	4-19
Bon Ami A	$1.00	Q	4-16	4-30
Bon Ami B	$3½	Q	4-16	4-30
Butler Bros	15c		5-3	6-1
Consol Vultee Air	50c		5-4	5-15
Det Gasket & Mfg	25c		4-7	4-23
Economy Groc Strs	25c	Q	3-26	4-10
Hartford Gen	50c	Q	3-31	3-31
Irving Air Chute	25c	Q	3-31	4-10
Midwest Pip & Sup	25c		4-6	4-16
Superheater Co	25c	Q	4-16	4-16
Wm. Jones	37½c		4-17	5-1
Young J S Co	$1.50	Q	3-30	4-3

New York Cotton

New York, March 23 (AP).—Cotton futures sold off a little today on light liquidation and hedging. Mill buying and local covering provided the principle support. Closing prices were 15 to 35 cents a bale lower.

Some buying in the near months was attributed to covering against recent Belgian purchases. Private advices reported improved mill demand for spot cotton. Plantings have already been made in early sections of south Georgia.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Last.
May	22.12	22.13	22.06	22.08 —5
July	21.81	21.83	21.74	21.76 —7
October	21.22	21.23	21.16	21.18 —5
December	21.07	21.08	21.04	21.07 —3
March	20.96	20.97	20.93	20.97 —3

Middling spot, 22.43 (nominal), off 3.

Quotations on N. Y. Stock Exchange

By the Associated Press

Total stock sales yesterday, 680,000 shares; previous day, 830,000; week ago, 879,060; year ago, 841,670; two years ago, 2,142,880; January 1 to date, 94,452,033; year ago, 57,484,094; two years ago, 73,187,849.

Dow-Jones Stocks

New York, March 23.—

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	
30 ind.	155.13	158.08	154.68	155.45	+0.38
20 rails	51.64	51.98	51.48	51.74	+0.08
15 utils.	27.65	27.75	27.52	27.60	—0.06
65 stocks	57.63	57.96	57.45	57.72	+0.09

Transactions in stocks used in averages industrials, 47,200; rails, 40,840; utilities, 41,600; 65 stocks, 129,640.

Sales. Add 00	High	Low	Close	Net Ch'ge
Abbott Lab 1	62¾	62¼	62¾	
ACF-Brill Mot. 4	11½	11⅝	11⅝	+⅛
Acme Stl 1	71⅝	71⅞	71⅞	—1⅛
Adams Exp 8	14	13⅞	14	+⅛
Adams-Millis 3	34½	34⅜	34½	+⅛
Addressog-Mult 1	23⅞	23⅞	23⅞	+⅛
Air Reduction 19	44⅜	44	44⅜	+⅛
Alaska Juneau 10	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝	
Alleghany Corp 36	3⅛	3	3⅛	@ ⅛
Alleghany pf 8	43	42½	42⅝	+ ⅛
Allegh pf pf 1	63½	63½	63½	
Allen Lud Stl 3	30⅝	30½	30⅝	+ ⅛
Allen Indust 1	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	+ ⅛
Al Chem & Dye 3	156⅛	155½	156⅛	+ ⅛
Allied Stra 10	22¼	21⅝	22¼	+ ⅛
Allis-Ch Mfg 3	43⅝	43	43⅝	+ ⅛
Allis-Ch Mfg pf 6	117	117	117	
Alpha P Cem 1	25	25	25	—½
Amal Leather 9	4⅜	4⅜	4⅜	—2⅛
Amal Lea pf 1	44	44	44	—2⅛
Amerada Pet 2	114	114	114	+2
Am Ag Ch Del 1	28¼	28¼	28¼	+ ⅛
Am Airlines 4	45⅛	45½	45⅛	—⅛
Am Bank Note 8	23⅞	23½	23⅞	— ⅛
Am Bosch 2	19	18⅞	19	
Am Brake Sh 3	43½	42	43½	+1
Am Cable & R 10	12¼	12⅛	12¼	+ ⅛
Am Can 1	93	92¾	92¾	
Am Car & Fdy 8	43½	43	43½	+ ⅛
Am Ch & Cable 6	28½	28½	28½	
Am Crystal S. 4	45⅛	45½	45⅛	—⅛
Am Distill. 15	35¾	34⅞	35⅛	+ ⅛
Am Encaus Til. 1	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞	
Am European 3	13½	13½	13½	+ ⅛
Am Export L. 4	32	31¾	32	+ ⅛
Am & For Pow 5	3⅝	3⅝	3⅝	
A & P P 1st pf 7	93	92	93	+1
A & P P $7 pf 1	99	97½	99	@ ½
Am & F P 2 pf 26	22½	21¾	22½	@ ¾
Am-Hawaii SS 1	42¼	42¼	42¼	+1⅛
Am Hide & Lea 3	5⅝	5½	5⅝	
Am Internat 3	10	9¾	10	+ ⅛
Am Invest Ill. 1	8¾	8¾	8¾	+ ⅛
Am Locomot. 11	32¼	32	32⅛	+ ⅛
Am Loco pf 1	110½	110½	110½	— ¼
Am M & Fdy 6	22	21⅝	22	+ ⅛
Am M & Met. 1	12¾	12¾	12¾	+ ⅛
Am Metal 1	28	28	28	
Am Pow & Lt 13	4⅜	4⅛	4⅛	
AmP&L $6 pf 5	71⅜	70½	71¼	+ ⅛
AmP&L $5 pf 10	65	64	64⅜	+ ⅛
AmRad & St S 13	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛	+ ⅛
Am Roll Mill 3	17⅞	17⅝	17⅝	+ ⅛
Am Safety Raz 3	21⅞	21⅜	21⅞	+ ⅛
Am Smelt & R 15	44⅛	43⅞	44⅛	+ ⅛
Am Snuff 3	63¼	63¼	63¼	+ ⅛
Am Stl Fdrs 10	30½	30	30½	+ ⅛
Am Stores 3	22¼	22¼	22¼	— ⅛
Am Stove 2	24	23½	24	
Am Sugar Ref. 4	48	48	48	
Am Sumat Tob 2	32	32	32	
Am Tel & Tel. 22	162¼	162	162	
Am Tob B 10	70½	70	70	— ½
Am Type Fdrs 3	14¾	14⅝	14¾	
Am Viscose 4	45⅞	45⅞	45⅞	+ ⅛
Am Wat Wks 19	9¾	9⅝	9¾	+ ⅛
Am Woolen 6	10	9½	10	
Am Woolen pf 1	107½	107½	107½	— ⅛
Am Zinc L & S 2	5⅝	5½	5⅝	+ ⅛
Anaconda Cop. 21	31⅞	31½	31⅝	+ ⅛
Anchor Hock Gl 1	28¼	28¼	28¼	
Andes Copper 14	14¾	14⅝	14⅝	— ⅛
A P W Prod. 1	5	5	5	
Armour & Co. 20	7⅛	7	7	— ⅛
Armour pr pf 3	109	108	108	— ½
Armstrg Cork 44	44⅝	44½	44⅝	+ ⅛
Artloom Corp 2	10½	10½	10½	+ ⅛
Atch T&S F 20	86¼	84⅝	85⅞	+ ⅛
Atl Coast Line 13	69¼	68½	68⅝	— ⅛
Atl Refining 10	33½	33⅛	33⅜	+ ⅛
Atlas Corp 10	15½	15¼	15⅜	+ ⅛
Atlas Tack 3	20⅝	20½	20½	— ¼
Aust Nichols 6	11⅛	10⅝	11½	+1
Autocar Co 1	16¼	16¼	16¼	
Aviation Corp 57	5⅞	5⅝	5⅞	— ⅛
Bald Loco ct 11	28½	27¾	27¾	— ⅛
Balt & Ohio 34	15½	15	15	— ¼
Balt & Ohio pf 13	29½	28½	28⅝	
Barber Asph 3	35⅛	35¼	35⅛	+ ⅛
Barnsdall Oil 14	21¼	21	21⅛	+ ⅛
Bath Ir Wks 6	19¾	19¾	19¾	+ ⅛
Baruk Clears 3	36	35½	36	+ ⅛
Beatrice Cream 1	40	40	40	+ ⅛
Beech Aire 4	11	10⅞	11	+ ⅛
Belding-Hem 1	12¾	12¾	12¾	+ ⅛
Bell Aire 3	14¼	14¼	14¼	+ ⅛
Bendix Aviat 4	50⅜	50⅛	50⅜	+ ⅛
Benef Ind Ln. 2	22½	22½	22½	
Best & Co 1	47⅛	47	47⅛	+ ⅛
Best Foods 8	17⅝	17¼	17⅜	— ⅛
Beth Steel 32	72½	71¾	72⅜	— ⅛
Beth Steel pf. 1	137	137	137	— ½
Bigelow-Sanf. 1	56⅛	56½	56½	— ⅛
Black & Decker 6	25¼	25	25¼	+ ⅛
Blaw-Knox 4	14	13¾	14	+ ⅛
Boeing Airplane 46	19	19	19⅛	+ ⅛
Bond Stores 5	44⅛	43⅞	44⅛	+ ⅛
Borden Co 4	35¾	35⅝	35⅝	
Borg-Warner 11	37⅞	37¾	37¾	+ ⅛
Boston & Maine 2	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞	
Braniff Airw 6	23⅞	23½	23⅞	— ⅛
Bridgeport Brass 6	11⅛	11¼	11¼	
Briggs Mfg 3	39	38½	39	+ ⅛
Bristol-Myers 3	51½	51½	51½	+ ⅛
Bklyn Un Gas 1	26½	26½	26½	+ ⅛
Brunswick-Balke 3	26	25½	26	+ ⅛
Bucyrus-Erie 6	13⅜	13½	13⅜	+ ⅛
Budd Wheel 2	11⅛	11	11⅛	+ ⅛
Budd Wheel pf 13	12⅜	12½	12⅜	+ ⅛
Bulova Watch 6	59	57½	59	+1½
Burl Mills new 23	21⅞	21¼	21⅞	+ ⅛
Burr Add Mach 10	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	+ ⅛
Bush Terminal 5	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞	
Butler Bros 8	15⅜	15½	15½	— ⅛
Butler Bros pf 1	108½	108½	108½	
Butler Cop&Zinc 3	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜	
Byers (A M) Co 4	17⅞	17½	17⅝	
Calif Packing 2	30⅞	30¾	30¾	— ⅛
Calahan Z-Lead 2	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝	
Calumet & Hec 18	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞	— ⅛
Campbell Wyant 2	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜	+ ⅛
Can Dry G Ale 1	32½	32½	32½	
Canad Pacific 16	12⅜	12¼	12⅜	+ ⅛
Cannon Mills 1	51½	51½	51½	+ ⅛
Carpenter Stl 1	34	34	34	+ ⅛
Carrier Corp 3	26	25⅞	26	
Case J I Co 15	38½	37¾	38½	+ ⅛
Caterpillar Tr 10	69⅛	68¾	69	+ ⅛
Celanese Corp 21	45	43¾	44¾	+ ⅛
Cent Aguirre 13	21¼	20⅝	21	
Cent Foundry 9	5	4⅞	5	
Cent Ill Sec 3	14	13½	13⅝	— ⅛
Cent Viol Sug 3	25½	25¾	25¾	— ⅛
Cerro de Pas 4	35	34¾	34¾	— ⅛
Certain-td Prod 16	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞	
Chain Be-Tex pf 1	22½	22½	22½	— ⅛
Champ Pap & P 1	31	31	31	— ½
Ches & Ohio 42	50½	49¾	49⅞	
Chi & E Ill 1	6½	6½	6½	+ ⅛
Chi & E Ill A. 1	17⅝	17½	17½	
Chi Grt West 2	6⅞	6½	6⅝	
Chi Grt W pf. 2	25¼	25¼	25¼	— ⅛
Chi Mail Order 3	21	20½	21	+ ⅛
Chi & N W. 12	20⅜	20⅜	20⅜	— ⅛
Chi & NW pf. 20	61½	61	61	+ ⅛
Chi Pneu Tool 3	25½	25⅜	25⅜	+ ⅛
Chi Pneu T cvpf 1	54	54	54	+1
Chrysler Corp 12	96⅛	95½	96⅛	+ ⅛
City Ice & Fuel 6	22	22	22	
Clark Equip 1	54¼	54¼	54¼	
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